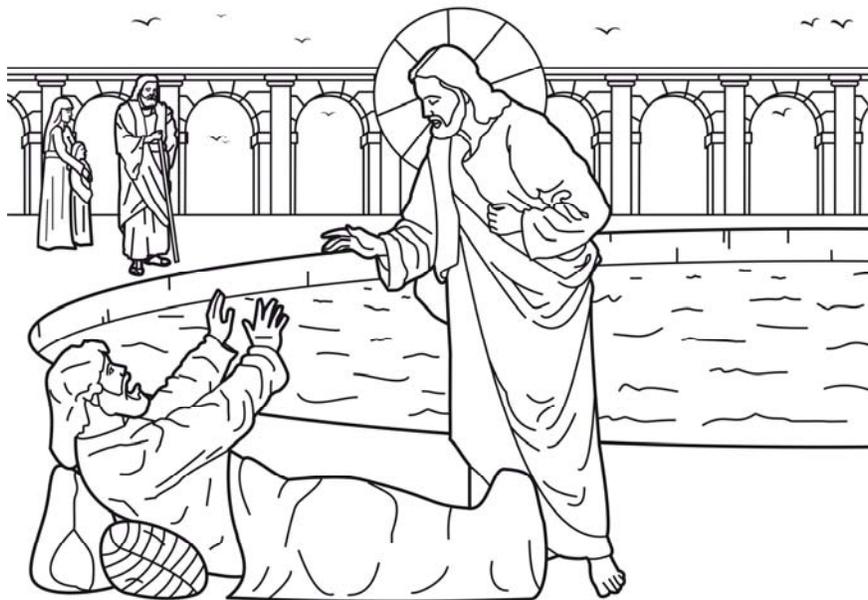




The Sixth Sunday of Easter
1 May AD 2016
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Spanish Language Missioner*
Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*
The Rev. Deacon Kate Siberine and Diana Gustafson, *Seminarians*



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 Modal

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

The people remain seated.

Introit

O day of God, draw nigh

Sung by the choir.

St. Michael, German Psalter, 1551
Adapt. by William Crotch (1775-1847)

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.

Robert B.Y. Scott (1899-1987)

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

Hymn in Procession

Christ is made the sure foundation

Sung by all.

Westminster Abbey

Descant

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter
 bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.
 help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
 The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 God in the highest

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
 might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Acts 16:9-15

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Thanks be to God. 🛎

Psalm 67 *Deus misereatur*

Read responsively by the first reader and the people.

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Reader A reading from Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

Hymn at the Sequence

Sung by all.

O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Kingsfold

1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

The Gospel

John 5:1-9

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

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon

(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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Dear all-loving Father, who created the world and us in your image: We confess we have not seen the Christ in others and we have built barriers that still divide us. We ask you to impart to us wisdom to break down the barriers that hurt and separate us.

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for our freedoms in this country. We have not always been aware of the others in the world who do not enjoy these same privileges. May our leaders work at strengthening bonds with other countries to provide personal freedom for all people, especially for refugees across the world.

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

Father, God of all people, whose acceptance and love are unconditional and whose love puts us in loving relationship with one another: We confess that we as individuals and as a church have imposed grievous artificial divisions among people. May we in the church, and we as church, see the God in ourselves and in each other. May we be penitent for our wrong doings toward one another and toward groups of people whom we have discriminated against.

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

May we all be one, in the body of Christ. May we be blessed with God's Grace and granted solace and courage.

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

We pray for those, known and unknown, who have suffered at our hands. Merciful God, lynched on a Cross, look with compassion on those whose lives both recently and long ago were torn asunder by the brute hate of fellow Americans. Wrap them in your arms of hope, that there will come a time when we will bring about change that is neither safe nor popular. We pray for the ill of our community, especially.....

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

Compassionate God, hear our prayers for those who have died and for those whose mourning seems without end. You have been our refuge in ages past, in times of hideous atrocity and untold lament. We recognize that at times we may have been the cause of pain and despair. Please look with compassion on us, and lead us to walk in your ways as we fight the causes of racial violence. We remember those close to our community who have died.

Hear our cries of lament, **and lead us to repentance.**

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 Rose Boynton, Carol Clark, Alvaro Gonzalez, Nancy Snee, Janet Spencer, Lou Spencer, Fran Spina, The Stracener Family, 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 pray for those who are in discernment around confirmation, Alice Bennett, Grace Bennett, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Fayemi Johnson, Wendy Quijada, and Alfred Wasikye.

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
I will magnify thee

Sung by the choir.

Joseph Corfe (1740-1820), arr. T. P. Cavuoti

I will magnify thee, O Lord.
For thou hast set me up,
and made me to triumph in thy salvation.

from the Coverdale translation of Psalm 30

The people stand.

Hymn at the Presentation

Sung by all.

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 and Benedictus Qui Venit
Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

Sung by all.

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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." 🕯

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.

Agnus Dei
My flesh is food indeed

Sung by all.

Ray W. Urwin

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. *1 All* My Lord. *2 Cantor or Choir* Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. *All* My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Sung by the choir.

Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)

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

The Lord bless you and keep you

Sung by the choir.

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26

The Blessing

Celebrant

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

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Sung by all.

Lux eoi

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven - ward raise:
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:
 3 then the gold - en ears of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty:

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary
Rigaudon

Andre Campra (1660-1744)

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Worship Leaders

| | Today | Next Sunday |
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| Readers | 7:45 am Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Sue Snay Betsy Hasegawa 11:15 am Sarah Rubin 5:00 pm Pete Minderman | Leslie Sanya Gordon Donnelly Barb Mansfield Tunde Ayinde Diana Gustafson |
| Prayers | 7:45 am Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Susan McLaughlin | Leslie Sanya Susan Ahalt |
| Chalicians | 7:45 am Enid Cole Leslie Sanya 9:00 am Sari Stoddard Diana Gustafson 11:15 am Anika Lalmansingh Christian Nwankwo 5:00 pm Pete Minderman | Edna Leake Wadai Dennis Dotty Pfadenhauer Esther Tellu Avin Lalmansingh Peg Ruppel Diana Gustafson |
| Healing Prayer Ministers | 7:45 am Diana Gustafson 9:00 am Randy Lord-Wilkinson 11:15 am Diana Gustafson | Jean Cohn Kate Siberine Sarah Rubin |
| Acolytes | 7:45 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Kofi Kwamena-Poh Kayleigh Yankie Sam Mendimasa | Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas Manny Johnson Msangwa Ogada Nuelle Johnson |
| Welcome Team | 7:45 am Wadai Dennis Frank Sanya 9:00 am Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke 11:15 am Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi | Florence Sirleaf Meredith Horan Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black Alex Langley Alice Padmore |
| Flower Delivery | Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe | Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson |
| Altar Guild | 7:45 am Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis 9:00 am Dorett Sutherland Margaret Joseph 11:15 am Laura Shay Lynne Shaer | Georgette Dennis Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh |
| Altar Guild Unscheduled Services | 9:00 am Team | 11:15 am Team |
| Eucharistic Visitor | Jean Cohn Barb Mansfield | Meredith Horan |

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