

The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day 8 May AD 2016 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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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

Plein chant du premier Kyrie (Messe pour les Paroisses)

Francois Couperin (1668-1733))

The people remain seated.

Introit

Sung by the choir.

From all that dwell below the skies

Duke Street, John Hatton (1710-1793)

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise; let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Sts. 3-4, anonymous

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

Hymn in Procession

Sung by all.

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!

In Babilone



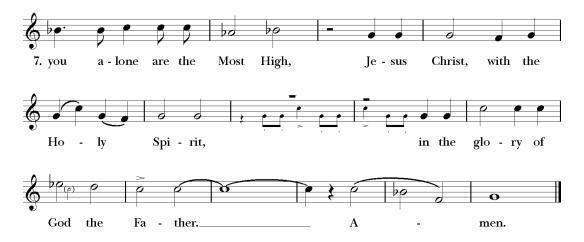
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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*.





The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Thanks be to God. 🖨

Psalm 47 Omnes gentes, plaudite

Read responsively by the first reader and the people.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon



The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon Ms. Enid Cole

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, Randy our Rector, Javier our Spanish Language Missioner, and Kate and Diana our Seminarians;

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 Rose Boynton, Carol Clark, Alvaro Gonzalez, Marguerite Johnson, Sarah Rubin, 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 pray for those who are in discernment around confirmation, Alice Bennett, Grace Bennett, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Fayemi Johnson, Wendy Quijada, and Alfred Wasikye.

We give thanks for the life of Shirley Thomas, in whose loving memory her daughter Nancy Carman has given altar flowers.

We also give thanks for the life of Jerry Jenkins, in whose loving memory his daughter Betsy Hasegawa has given altar flowers.

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

The Lord goes up

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy, while trumpets all his triumph tell; with him humanity is raised above angelic words to dwell.

He sits with God, at his right hand, who is the Lord of everything; the Father's glory is his own: Christ Jesus, all creation's king.

The people stand.

Hymn at the Presentation

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Sung by the choir.

Malcolm Archer (1952-), based on a French church melody

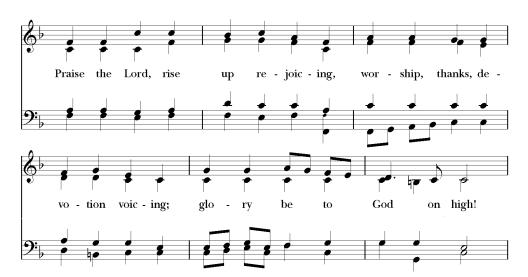
And when he comes again in might, to raise us on that splendid day, we shall be gathered up to him, and every tear be wiped away.

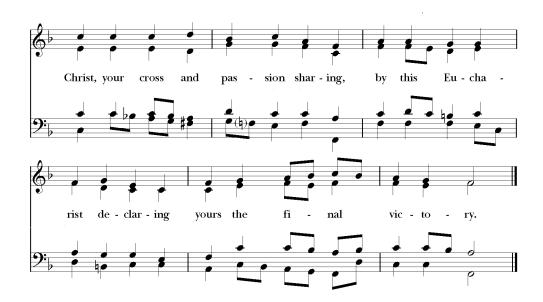
O God, our Father, hear our prayer: with Christ, our Lord, you only Son, send forth the Spirit of your love to live in us and make us one. Alleluia.

From Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal

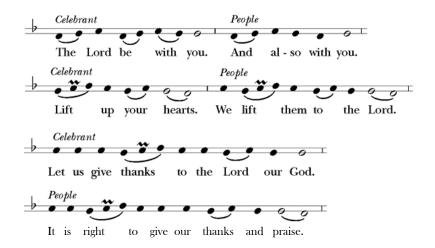
Sung by all.

Alles ist an Gottes Segen





The Holy Communion

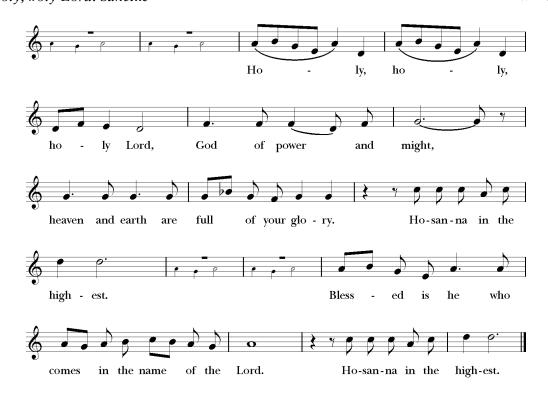


Celebrant

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:



Sung by all.

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.

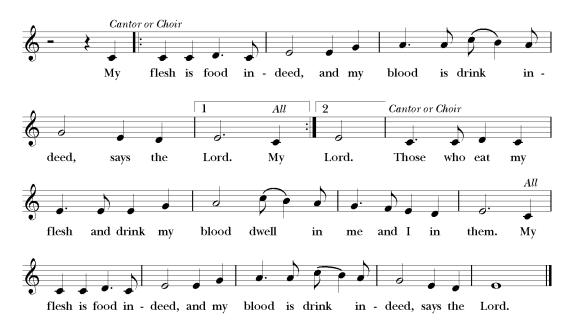
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei My flesh is food indeed

Sung by all.

Ray W. Urwin



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

I will lift up my eyes

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved, He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel, will not slumber nor sleep. Sung by the choir.

Robert C. Lau (1943-)

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. And the Lord will keep you from all evil.

And the Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

I will lift up my eyes to the hills
from this time and ever more.
from where comes my help?
My help comes from the Lord
He will not slumber, he will not sleep,
who made heaven and earth,
(both together) forever more.

Psalm 121

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

God be in my head

Sung by the choir.

John Rutter (1945-)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking, God be in mine heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

Sarum Primer

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.

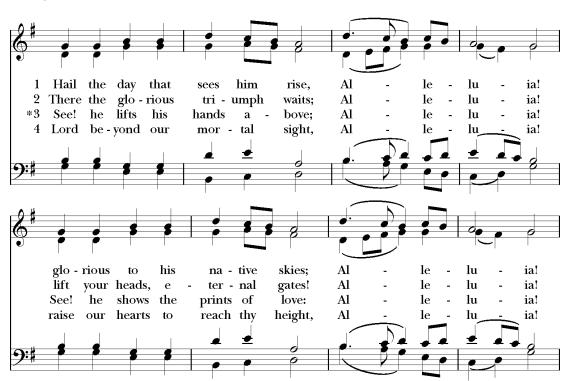
The people stand.

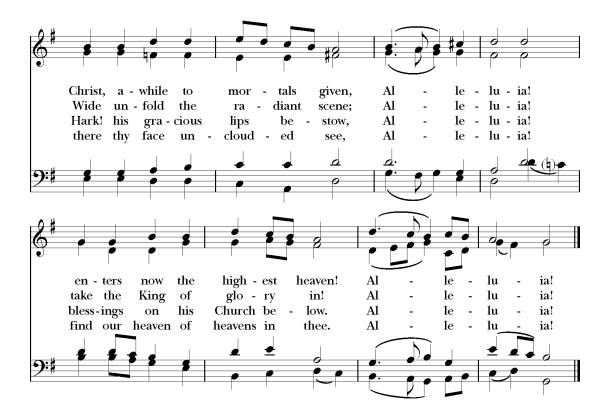
Hymn in Procession

Hail the day that sees him rise

Sung by all.

Llanfair





Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary Rondeau

Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

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Worship Leaders

		Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am 9:00 am	Leslie Sanya Gordon Donnelly Barb Mansfield	Jackson Douglas Kate Siberine Betsy Hasegawa
	11:15 am 5:00 pm	Tunde Ayinde Diana Gustafson	Kendall Anderson Rebecca Smith-Kevern
Prayers	7:45 am 9:00 am	Leslie Sanya Susan Ahalt	Jackson Douglas Gary McLaughlin
Chalicists	7:45 am	Edna Leake Wadai Dennis	Leslie Sanya Diana Gustafson
	9:00 am	Dotty Pfadenhauer Esther Tellu	Margaret Tellu Swithin Kwamena-Poh
	11:15 am	Alice Padmore Peg Ruppel Diana Gustafson	Sarah Rubin Laura Shay Rebecca Smith-Kevern
	5:00 pm	Diana Gustaison	Redecca Silitii-Reverii
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am 9:00 am 11:15 am	Jean Cohn Kate Siberine Laura Shay	Meredith Horan Diana Gustafson Alex Langley
Acolytes	7:45 am	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas
	9:00 am	Manny Johnson Msangwa Ogada Nuelle Johnson	Alfred Wasikye Kofi Dickson Lisa Dickson
Welcome Team	7:45 am	Florence Sirleaf Meredith Horan	Enid Cole Janet King
	9:00 am	Dorett Sutherland James Black	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King
	11:15 am	Jonathan Black Alex Langley Alice Padmore	Charles Dickson Page Salazar Clark Didavi
Flower Delivery		Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer
Altar Guild	7:45 am	Georgette Dennis	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis
	9:00 am	Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon	Caryl Thomas Adoma Baffoe Dotty Pfadenhauer
	11:15 am	Laura Shay	Lynne Shaer Georgana Maines
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services		11:15 am Team	7:45 am Team
Eucharistic Visitor		Meredith Horan	Pamella Irons-Forth Kate Foley



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