



The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
5 June 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*  
Diana Gustafson, *Seminarian*



*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

*Herzlich tut mich erfreuen, op. 122*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*The people remain seated.*

## Introit

*Psalm 139*

*Sung by the choir.*

Paul Kelley (1960- )

Lord, you have searched me and known me,  
You know my thoughts from afar.  
Before a word is on my tongue,  
You know it, completely, O Lord.  
When I rise up to the heavens,  
Your hand is there to guide me.  
When I rise up on the wings of dawn,  
Your hand, O Lord, will hold me fast.

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

## Hymn in Procession

*Praise to the Lord, the almighty*

*Sung by all.*

*Lobe den Herren*

*Descant*

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -  
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with  
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his  
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his  
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,  
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou  
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.  
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

**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 God in the highest*

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - mighty 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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

1 Kings 17:17-24

*Reader* A reading from First Kings.

The son of the woman, the mistress of the house at Zarephath, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God?"

You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

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

**Thanks be to God.** 🛎

**Psalm 30**      *Exaltabo te, Domine*

*Read responsively by the first reader and the people.*

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
**and have not let my enemies triumph over me.**

O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
**and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
**you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.**

Sing to the LORD, you servants of his;  
**give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,  
**his favor for a lifetime.**

Weeping may spend the night,  
**but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed."  
**You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."**

Then you hid your face,  
**and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O LORD;  
**I pleaded with the Lord, saying,**

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?  
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"**

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;  
**O LORD, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
**you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## The Second Reading

Galatians 1:11-24

*Reader* A reading from Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother. In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie! Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia, and I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea that are in Christ; they only heard it said, "The one who formerly was persecuting us is now proclaiming the faith he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God because of me.

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

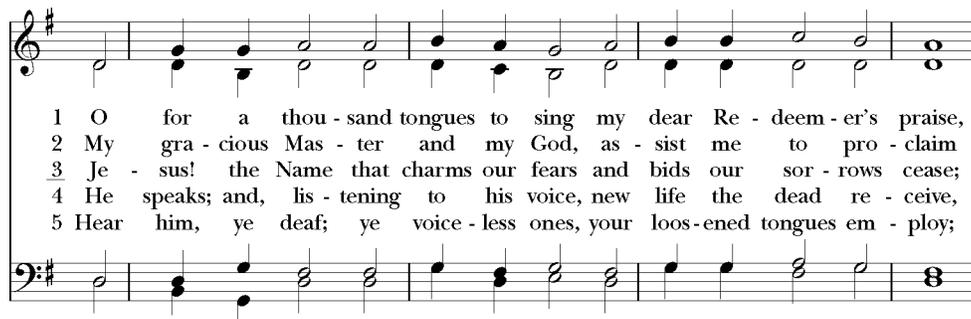
*The people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Gospel.*

## Hymn at the Sequence

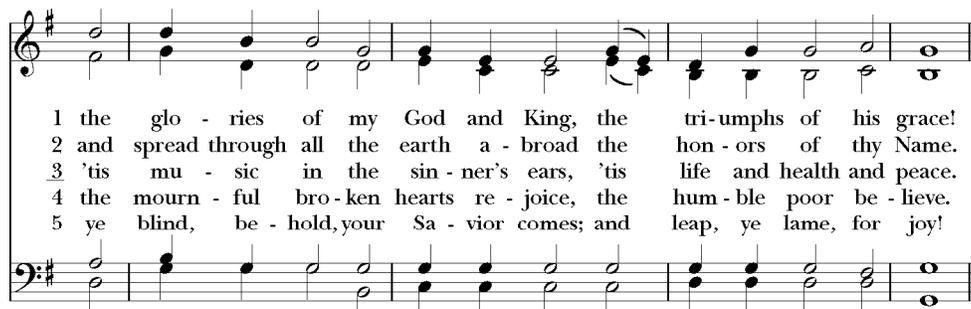
*Sung by all.*

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

*Azmon*



1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;



1 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a-broad the honors of thy Name.  
3 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.  
5 ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heaven.

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

Soon after healing the centurion's slave, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

Sermon

The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo

*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.  
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.

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 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 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 Diana our Seminarian;  
**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, Helen Jenkins, Marguerite Johnson, Sarah Rubin, Nancy Snee, Janet Spencer, Lou Spencer, Fran Spina, Toshi Tanemura, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

We give thanks for the life of Helen Bradfield, in whose loving memory her daughter Elizabeth Lennon has given altar flowers.

We also give thanks for the life of Rick Wilkinson, in whose memory our Vestry 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*

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**

**Anthem at the Offertory**

*Jesu, dulcis memoria*

*Sung by the choir.*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Jesu dulcis memoria,  
dans vera cordi gaudia:  
sed super mel et omnia  
ejus dulcis præsentia.

*Jesus, the very thought of Thee,  
with sweetness fills my breast:  
but sweeter far Thy face to see,  
and in Thy presence rest.*

Att. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

*The people stand.*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

*Praise to God, immortal praise*

*Sung by all.*

*Dix*

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days; boun-teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy: all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.



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.*

**Fraction Anthem**  
*Lamb of God: Agnus Dei*

*Sung by all.*

Robert Powell

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*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 Offertory

*Bless thou the Lord, O my soul*

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.  
Blessed art Thou, O Lord.  
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.  
Bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits.  
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

*Sung by the choir.*

Mikail M. Ippolitiv-Ivanov (1859-1935)

He is full of compassion and mercy,  
long suffering and great in goodness.  
He will not always be chiding,  
nor keepeth he his wrath forever.  
Bless thou the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his holy name.  
O blessed art thou, O Lord.

Psalm 103:1-3

### 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.

### Choral Benediction

*Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way*

Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day:  
from harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

*Sung by the choir.*

Ellers, Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

John Ellerton (1825-1893)

### 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

Sung by all.

St. Thomas (Williams)

O bless the Lord, my soul!

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!  
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;  
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;  
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!  
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.  
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.  
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
 whose grace hath made thee whole,  
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in e minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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# Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Diana Gustafson Suzy Gonzales 11:15 am Karl Didavi 5:00 pm Pete Minderman	Leslie Sanya Betsy Hasegawa Gary McLaughlin Diana Gustafson Howard Holland
Prayers	7:45 am Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Barb Mansfield	Leslie Sanya Sue Snay
Chalicians	7:45 am Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden 9:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley 11:15 am Diana Gustafson Anika Lalmansingh 5:00 pm Pete Minderman	Diana Gustafson Enid Cole Esther Tellu Major Clemens Christian Nwankwo Avin Lalmansingh Howard Holland
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am Diana Gustafson 9:00 am Major Clemens 11:15 am Laura Shay	Meredith Horan Susan McLaughlin Laura Shay
Acolytes	7:45 am Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas 9:00 am Kofi Kwamena-Poh Kayleigh Yankie Sam Mendimasa	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Jackson Douglas Kofi Kwamena-Poh Kofi Dickson Lisa Dickson
Welcome Team	7:45 am Florence Sirleaf Meredith Horan 9:00 am Dorett Sutheland James Black Jonathan Black 11:15 am Avin Lalmansingh Clark Didavi	Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson Alex Langley Alice Padmore
Flower Delivery	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn-Johnson
Altar Guild	7:45 am Enid Cole Mardia Dennis 9:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon 11:15 am Lynne Shaer Laura Shay	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis Caryl Thomas Adoma Baffoe Dotty Pfadenhauer Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	7:45 am Team	9:00 am Team
Eucharistic Visitor	Meredith Horan	Pamella Irons-Forth Barb Mansfield

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