



## The Last Sunday after Pentecost

20 November AD 2016

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*  
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*  
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*  
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 table next to the church office door.

We meet for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Narthex after each service.

The Nursery in Room 2 is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30p.m.

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

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### Welcome and Announcements

Gather 380

Glory and Praise to Our God

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

### Colossians 1:11-20

By being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God,  
the one who is first over all creation,  
Because all things were created by him:  
both in the heavens and on the earth,  
the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.  
Whether they are thrones or powers,  
or rulers or authorities,  
all things were created through him and for him.  
He existed before all things,  
and all things are held together in him.  
He is the head of the body, the church,  
who is the beginning,  
the one who is firstborn from among the dead  
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.  
Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,  
and he reconciled all things to himself through him—  
whether things on earth or in the heavens.  
He brought peace through the blood of his cross.  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Gather 461

You Are Mine

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [23:33-43]  
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing. The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself if he really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one." The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to him, offering him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above his head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

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

Meditation

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

The Affirmation of Faith\*

You, O God, are supreme and holy,  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.

Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
Good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

\*From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 481

The Prayers of the People

*Prayers are invited, either silently or aloud. After each spoken prayer, a gong will sound.*

Concluding Prayer (unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gather 492

Here I Am, Lord

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

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

*Celebrant and People*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav'n 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Sanctus

## The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

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

\*From *Enriching Our Worship*

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. **AMEN.**

*As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say:*

**Our Father in heaven,  
    holy is your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
        on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
    as we forgive those  
        who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
    and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.**

*As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray:*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the uni-  
verse!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples  
of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 181*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given with these words*

**The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.**

**The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.**

***Administration of the Sacrament:** All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station. 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 to the right of the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.*

*When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present*

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.

Let us pray.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in Jesus and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Amen.

Gather 518

We Are Called

The Peace

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

**PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:**

March Labet, Fran Spina, Caryl Thomas, Monica Koenig Caphart, Diane Goldman, Christian Nwankwo, Sarah Rubin, Roz Silver-Marcotte, Tom Thiele 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.

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## Worship Leaders

		<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Reader:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Leslie Sanya	Jason Cutshall
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Andrew Greene Carleton MacDonald	Jason Cutshall Gary McLaughlin
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Avin Lalmansingh	Peg Ruppel
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Christine Yankus-Eng	Howard Holland
<b>Prayers:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Leslie Sanya	Jason Cutshall
	<b>9:00 am</b>	John Pruessner	Susan McLaughlin
<b>Chalicians:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Edna Leake Wadai Dennis	Sharon Hayden Enid Cole
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Jake Yalley-Ogunro Jerry Pfadenhauer	Swithin Kwamena-Poh Esther Tellu
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Jason Cutshall Kirk Fitch	Christian Nwankwo Laura Shay
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Christine Yankus-Eng	Howard Holland
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Jason Cutshall	Jean Cohn
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Jason Cutshall	Javier Ocampo
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Sarah Rubin	Alex Langley
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Alfred Waskiye Roberta Taylor Kofi Kwamena-Poh	Lisa Dickson Gary McLaughlin Paul Whitmore
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Frank Sanya Enid Cole	Janet King Florence Sirleaf
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Sciou Broderick\ Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo	Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>		Elaine Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis	Leslie Sanga Wadai Dennis
	<b>9:00 am</b>	Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro Joyce Bvumbe Sari Stoddard	Dorett Sutherland Adoma Baffoe Dotty Pfadenhauer
	<b>11:15 am</b>	Anika Lalmansingh	Anika Lalmansingh
<b>Weekly Altar Guild Team:</b>		9:00 am Team	11:15am Team
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>		Kate Foley	Enid Cole
<b>Eucharistic Visitor:</b>		Javier Ocampo	Jean Cohn

## LEADERSHIP AT ASCENSION

### *Clergy*

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

### *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*

2017: Denise Lionetti, Najma Stubblefield, Paul Whitmore  
2018: Maria Estela Rodriguez, Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin  
2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner  
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Howard Holland, *Treasurer*

### *Mission Area Leaders*

Zadinga Ogada, *Christian Formation for Children*  
Angie Hight-Walker, *Christian Formation for Youth*  
Ted Bedell, *Facilities*  
Howard Holland, *Finance*  
Paul Boynton, *Outreach*  
Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Pastoral Care*  
Jean Cohn, *Personnel*  
Carleton MacDonald, *Worship*

### *Delegates to Diocesan Convention*

Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay  
Alternate: Mardia Dennis

### *Staff*

Kathy Van Arnum, *Parish Administrator*  
Eleni Hailu, *Media Specialist*  
Brenda Alvarez, *Nursery Attendant*

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