

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Year B • Proper 18 Sunday, September 5, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to Church of the Ascension. We are an inclusive community that respects the dignity of every human being. Therefore, whoever you are in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or ability and wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you and hope you will give us an opportunity to be your spiritual home. **At this time, masks are required for congregational singing.**

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774
arr.: Cindy Berry

Bailey Myers, *piano*

PROCESSIONAL

HYMNAL 1 *Father, We Praise Thee, Now the Night Is Over*



1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

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The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God!

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever! *Amen!*

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.*

SONG OF PRAISE

HYMNAL S 280

Glory to God

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



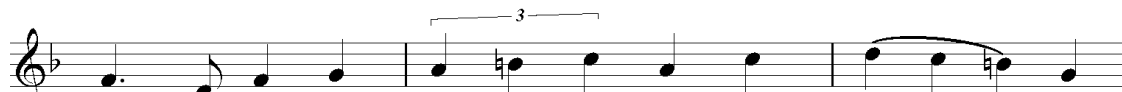
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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



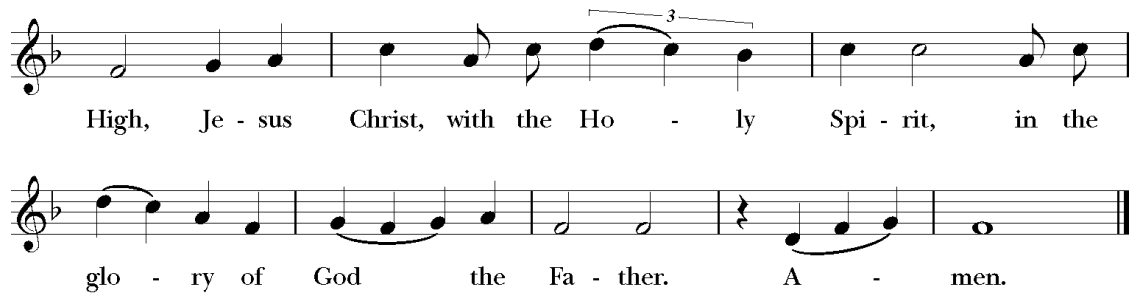
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



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



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Susan Poling, Lector

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 125

Susan Poling, Lector

**1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**

**2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
so does the LORD stand round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.**

**3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

**4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *
and to those who are true of heart.**

**5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *
but peace be upon Israel.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Susan Poling, *Lector*

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

A Reading from the Letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN

WLP 773

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The piano accompaniment is written for both the right and left hands, with a treble clef for the right and a bass clef for the left. The score includes four lines of lyrics corresponding to the four verses of the hymn.

store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
 me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
 pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
 heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:24-37

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

SERMON

The Rev. Marian Humphry

A moment of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
 of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
 born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and
 nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.**

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

From the Abbey of Iona, Scotland (Celtic)

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation.

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our bishop, Joan our Rector, Terri and our Deacon, Creamilda, our seminarian, Bailey, our Director of Music Ministries, and Marian our guest celebrant and preacher, for all in discernment for holy orders, and for all bishops and other ministers. In our diocese We pray for each member of our congregations to invite a friend to church. And for the campus ministries of Georgetown University, American University, George Washington University, and St. Mary's College; National Association of Episcopal Schools. Pray for all students and teachers. Labor Day (September 6) Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially **all who are suffering from COVID-19 ...**

***Faye ... Virginia ... Gloria ... Gwendolyn ... Rachel ... Tina ... Florri ... Glen¹ ... Riza ...**

***Yvonne ... Jean ... *Bob ... Mary ... Lillian ... *Buck ... Mariann ... David ... Joré Yvonne ...**

Paula and Andrew ... The Clark Menard Families ... Pat¹ ... Jeff ... Rita ... *Kiki ... Sean ...

The Floyd Family ... Geoff ... Gloria ... Lorraine ... Kitty ... Martie ... Pat² ... Jere ... Dick ...

***Maggie ... The Hunte Family ... Lynn ... Paul ... Sara ... Barbara ... *Bert ... Pauline ... Linda ...**

Johannas ... Pat³ ... Mike ... Les ... Marsha ... David ... *Lisa ... Zobida ... Cynthia ... Rudi ...

Severn ... *Carol¹ ... The Seaton Family ... Carol² ... *Martha ... *Joyce¹ ... *Dana ... The Tate Family ...

***Giselle ... The Thomas Family ... Emma ... *Helen ... Ed ... *Libby ... Glenn² ... Joyce² ... and**

Judah.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Today we pray for the following members of our parish: Cudore Snell; Joey and Paul Snow, and Emily Clough; Drew and Owen Snyder and Laura Schattschneider; Joy Spencer; Tom Spilsbury and Susan Farrer; and Joyce Sterling. And for those celebrating birthdays: Caleb Yoda, Jr., Samuel Ayirebi, Julia Barlow, and Arabella Littlepage.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Rich Galloway, friend of Lisa Null and Jennifer Woods, and Nan Maestri (former member of Ascension), and Nancy Sites (mother of Melissa Sites, Deacon Candidate.) Please pray for comfort for the Galloway, Maestri, and Sites families, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

I invite you now to offer your petitions or thanksgivings either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.

Silence.

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

CONFESSION

God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be open hearted, instead we judge. Forgive us, O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God Will Take Care of You

Bailey Myers, *piano*

Walter S. Martin
Arr.: Cindy Berry

OFFERTORY HYMN
LEVAS 74

Jesu, Jesu

Words: John 13:1-17, adapt. Tom Colvin 1969

Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. *D.C.*

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

BLESSING OF THE AGAPE MEAL AT HOME

As we bless and share bread, we thank you, God, for our daily bread, for the food which delights and nourishes us and for the companionship that sustains us as a community of faith. We thank you, too, for the fruit of the vine to quench our thirst and for the Living Water with which you surprise and enrich and transform our lives. We give thanks for this feast at which all of us, are given a foretaste of your Holy Realm. *Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARIST PRAYER B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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:



HYMNAL S129


Holy, Holy, Holy


Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” 

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

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

And we offer this 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.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

And now in hope and confidence, let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

THE INVITATION

These are holy gifts for you God’s holy and beloved people: Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Please walk single file up the center aisle toward the priest.

Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.

Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

As We Gather at Your Table

Unison

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

HYMNAL 439

What Wondrous Love Is This

Unison

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

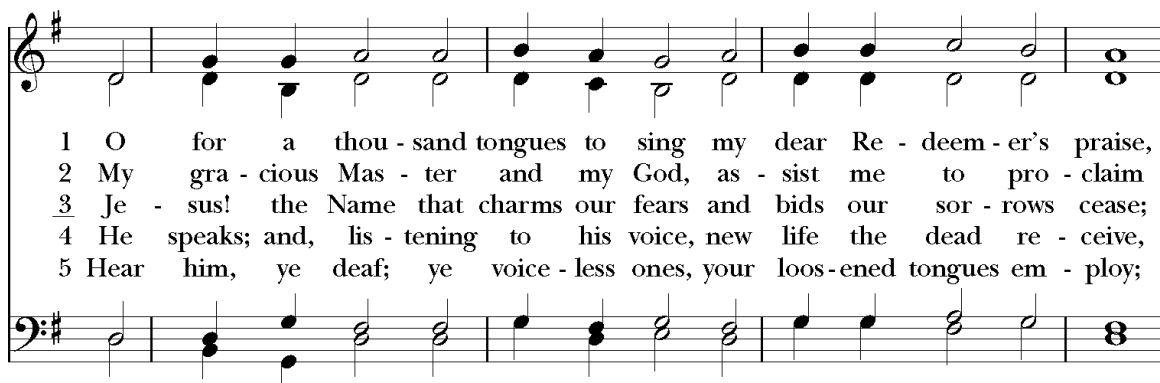
RECESSIONAL HYMN

HYMNAL 493

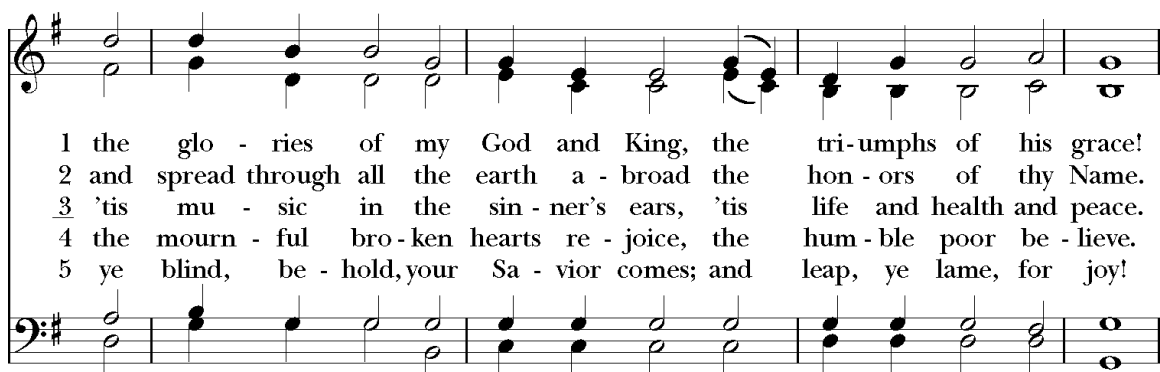
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817)

Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior 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.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary
Bailey Myers, *organ*

John Stanley (1713-1786)

Mustard Seed Ministry Opportunities • September 2021



Ascension's Mustard Seed Ministry offers simple moments of ministry that are easy to complete, often from the comfort of your own home. Don't know what to do to combat the hate and need you see all around you? Choose one or more of the Mustard Seed opportunities below!

- **NEW:** Drivers needed for Oak Chapel Church Food Bank to deliver food to needy families, once a week in the Silver Spring area. To sign up contact [OCUM:Home deliveries for Oak Chapel](#) ; For more info contact **Chuck McCarter** at c_mccarter@hotmail.com.
- **NEW:** Tommy's Pantry, volunteer to help at Ascension on Saturdays to prep and distribute food to needy neighbors. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0a4aafa72fa0f58-gift>.
- **NEW:** Give to Ascension's efforts to furnish an apartment for refugee families.
- **NEW:** Volunteer to help the Adventist Community Center sort supplies for refugee families
- **NEW:** Volunteer with Lutheran social services to help with administrative detail for incoming refugee families.
- **Casserole Ministry.** Please help us feed the local needy. Shepherd's Table asks that rather than making a casserole for Shepherd's Table, you donate the cost of making one (\$10), to Shepherd's Table. Please let Carol Schwobel know of your donation. Cjs_skye@hotmail.com¹
- Knit a baby blanket, sweater, booties or caps for Palestinian newborns at St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus, Palestine. Please drop off your items with Rev. Terri.
- **Donate time around Ascension** to help with yard clean up shoveling or mowing in the spring.
- **Drop off a \$10.00 Giant or Safeway food card** at the front of the church on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. to help feed the homeless!³
- **Diaper Ministry to benefit Greater DC Diaper Bank.** On Sundays between 11-11:30 a.m. you can drop off items at the front door of the church. Contact Laura Schattschneider at les291@nyu.edu or Drew Snyder at drewsnyder@pobox.com for details.⁴

In August, you donated:

1. \$370.00 (37 casseroles) to Shepherd's Table
2. \$1100.00 in grocery store gift cards and 110 comfort packs to the area homeless|
3. 1219 diapers; 1300+ wipes for the D.C. Diaper Bank.

Church of the Ascension
In-Person Worship Protocols
Revised July 30, 2021

In accordance with the CDC, Montgomery County, and Diocesan Guidelines
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THESE REVISED PROTOCOLS
(New portions in RED)



8:00 AM— HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the sanctuary)
to be resumed **Homecoming Sunday, September 12th, 2021**



9:00 AM — HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in St. Clare's Outdoor Chapel)
Last Sunday until Spring 2022

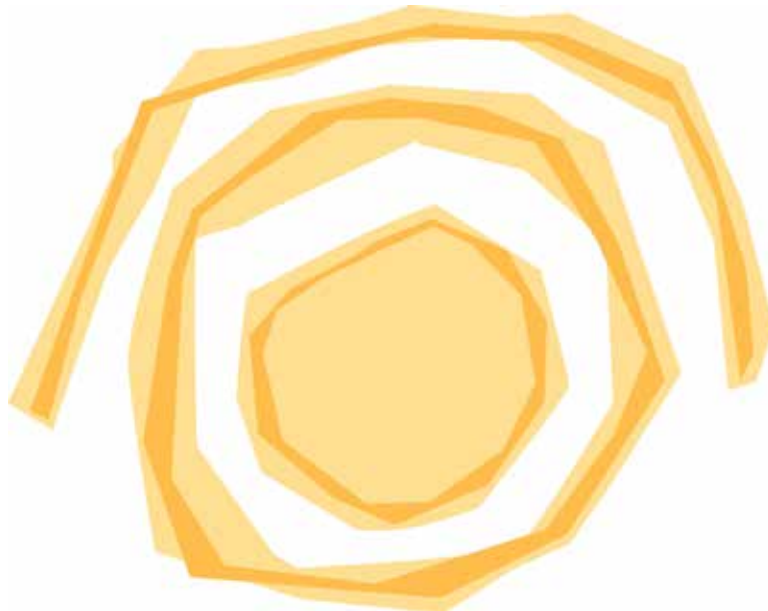
- **VACCINATION:** It is strongly recommended that all be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus, *but vaccination is not required.*
- **MASKS:** *Optional* for outdoor worship.
- **BULLETINS:** Please provide *your own bulletin* (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, on your tablet.) A limited number of paper bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please take all paper copies of the bulletin with you upon departing the service.
- **GENERAL PARKING:** *Street parking* and the *school lot* behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** The church parking circle at 633 Sligo Avenue is reserved for those with *limited mobility.*
- **SEATING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please *bring your own lawn chairs* to accommodate yourself and/or your family members. The *benches* in the outdoor chapel *will be reserved* for those who find it difficult to carry chairs to the service. When choosing a seating area, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you are more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The *restrooms* in the Gathering Space will be available for your use. You may reach the restrooms by *walking past the red front doors, turning left, and entering the outdoor Gathering space doors.* The restrooms are immediately to your right.
- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** Please walk up the *center aisle* of the chapel single file toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time.





10:00 AM—HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (in the Sanctuary)

- **LIVE-STREAM:** This service will be *live-streamed permanently*.
- **MUSIC:** *Congregational singing or humming is allowed with a mask!*
- **RESERVATIONS:** *No reservations* are required for this service.
- **VACCINATION:** It is *strongly recommended* that all attending be *fully vaccinated* for the COVID-19 virus.
- **MASKS:** **masks are required for all attendees.**
- **BULLETINS:** Please provide *your own bulletin* (i.e., a print copy, on your phone, tablet, etc.) A limited number of print bulletins will be available for visitors and those who need them. Please *take all paper copies* of the bulletin with you as you depart.
- **GENERAL PARKING:** *Street parking* and the *school lot* behind the church are available.
- **HANDICAPPED PARKING:** The church parking circle at *633 Sligo Avenue* is reserved for those with *limited mobility*.
- **ENTRANCES:** You may the church through the *ramp entrance* at 634 Silver Spring Avenue or through the *red main doors* at 633 Sligo Avenue.
- **GREETERS:** Will be present to welcome and assist you during the service.
- **SEATING & SOCIAL DISTANCING:** All *available seats* have been marked off in the sanctuary with blue tape. Please find a space that accommodates you and/or your family/friend group. When taking a seat, please observe *social distancing* if the people around you would be more comfortable with more space between you.
- **RESTROOMS:** The *restrooms* in the Gathering Space will be available for your use.
- **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE:** Bows, waves, peace signs, elbow bumping, handshaking, kissing, or hugging are allowed but *please be respectful* and check if others welcome these gestures or not.
- **HOLY COMMUNION:** *Please walk single file* up the center aisle toward the priest. Only the host will be distributed which is full communion. The common cup is still not allowed at this time. Please return to your seat using the aisle to your right to avoid the live stream equipment.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** *No in-person coffee hour following the 10:00 AM service.*



Serving This Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marian Humphrey

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (10 a.m.): Susan Poling

LEM (10 a.m.): Marta Brenden

Greeter: Chuck McCarter

Warden of the Day: Anne LeVeque

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Mary Kelly and Bill Schauman

Serving Next Week

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Year B

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein

Deacon: The Rev. Terri M. Murphy

Seminarian: Creamilda Yoda

Director of Music Ministries: Bailey Myers

Lector (10 a.m.): Jennifer Woods

LEM (10 a.m.): Annmarie Quigley

Greeter: Chuck McCarter

Warden of the Day: Anne LeVeque

Tech Team (10 a.m.): Buck Buckingham and Peter Chang

THE VESTRY OF ASCENSION

- Jane Alperson ('22), Senior Warden • Steve Fromyer ('23), Junior Warden
 - Theo Emery ('24) • Anne LeVeque ('24)
- Arabella Littlepage ('22) • Dick Marks ('22) • Chuck McCarter ('24)
 - Jonathan Mengesha ('23) • Laura Schattschneider ('22)
- Blaise Strandquist ('23) • Sandra Sussman ('23) • Joan Thomas ('24)
 - Ex Officio: Mary Fromyer – Registrar
 - Leticia Read – Clerk of the Works
- Leona Cosby – Treasurer • Fred Paul – Assistant Treasurer
treasurer-ascension@comcast.net

To submit a prayer request or add birthdays, anniversaries, and other thanksgivings to the Sunday prayer list please email:
Jennifer Woods, knitpick@mac.com and
The Rev. Dr. Joan E. Beilstein, revdrjeb@comcast.net

Special Thanks to Chris Chang and Astrocasters for helping make our live stream possible by providing our streaming server and cota.live site!



For peace and an end to violence and terrorism everywhere.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Cudore Snell

Joey and Paul Snow, and Emily Clough

Drew and Owen Snyder and Laura Schattschneider

Joy Spencer

Tom Spilsbury and Susan Farrer

Joyce Sterling

For those celebrating birthdays:

September 9: Caleb Yoda, Jr.

September 10: Samuel Ayirebi

September 11: Julia Barlow, Arabella Littlepage

In our Diocese:

We pray for each member of our congregations to invite a friend to church.

Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, and St. Mary's College

National Association of Episcopal Schools

Pray for all students and teachers

Labor Day (September 6)

Pray for all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

In the Anglican Communion:

The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

For those with HIV/AIDS everywhere, but especially in Africa.

In the World

All with the COVID-19 virus and all who have died.

For people in need of healing

(*indicates a member of the parish; italics, new this week):

*Faye Adams, Virginia Allen, Gloria Alexander, Gwendolyn Alexander, Rachel Anderson, Tina Arnold, Florri Aversa, Dick Baker, Glen Bediarum, Riza Bediarum, *Yvonne Boyd, Jean Brady, *Bob Brown, Mary Bucher, *Buck Buckingham, *Bishop Mariann Budde*, David Cato, Joré Yvonne Chumbley, The Rev. Canon Paula Clark, Bishop-elect of Chicago, and her husband Andrew, The Clark Menard Families, Pat Cox, *Jeff Crites*, Rita Ferrara, *Kiki Feissner, Sean Fitzsimmons, The Floyd Family, Geoff Grub, Gloria Gunness, Lorraine Haben, Kitty Hall, Martie Heckman, Jere Herzenberg, *Maggie Howard, The Hunte Family, Lynn Hutcheson, Paul Jackson, Sara Jackson, Barbara Jacobs, *Bert Joseph, Pauline Lerner, Linda LeVeque, Johannes Mann-Chow, Pat Martin, Mike Mattson, Les Maul, Marsha Maul, David Meyer, *Lisa Null, Zobida Ragbirsingh, Cynthia Roberts, Rudi Salvermoser, Severn Savage, *Carol Schwobel, Brian Seaton, The Seaton Family, Carol Fiddler Smith, *Martha Smith, *Joyce Sterling, Dana Sussman-Martin, The Tate Family, *Giselle Thomas, The Thomas Family, Emma Tunaley, *Helen Van Doren, Ed Webber, *Libby Williams, Glenn Woodley, Joyce Woody, Judah Yoda

For those who have died:

Rich Galloway, friend of Lisa Null and Jennifer Woods, and Nan Maestri (former member of Ascension)

Nancy Sites (mother of Melissa Sites, Deacon Candidate.)

Please pray for comfort for the Galloway, Maestri and Sites families.

Please take the Prayer List home for use in daily prayers.