



Second Sunday after Pentecost

18 June AD 2017

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
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 a member of the Welcome Team or the table by the Church Office door.

A nursery for children up through age three is available all morning in the Main Building, Room 2.

Please silence your audible devices.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Gather 539

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Let us pray.

Gather Us In

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.

Genesis 18:1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' Is anything too difficult for the LORD? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened.)

But he said, "No, you laughed."

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

Thanks be to God.

Gather 642

Healer of Our Every Ill

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [9:35 – 10:8].

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.

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.**

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

The Prayers of the People

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

Concluding Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gather 614

Take and Eat

The Holy Communion

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 right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God. In your mercy you are now our God. through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er, God of might, heav - en 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.

The Celebrant continues

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 universe!
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.
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

*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.

From *The Book of Common Prayer*, p.
364

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.

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 317

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Priest and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, then move to the narthex for refreshment and fellowship.

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Sandy Boynton, Kirk Fitch, Sally Glick, William Glick, Margaret Joseph, Christine Kroma, David Parkerton, Fran Spina, Suzanne Winterhalter, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We give thanks for the life of Lalia Marie Magdala Johnson, wife of Herbert Johnson and mother to De'Graft, Jaleel, and Mandla, who departed this life 10 years ago.

"We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen."*

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.

*Rev. Chuck Currie

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am Leslie Sanya 9:00 am Gary McLaughlin Susan McLaughlin 11:15 am Laura Shay	David Burton Andrew Greene Marsha Sutherland Peedy Terry
Prayers	7:45 am Leslie Sanya 9:00 am Gordon Donnelly	David Burton Susan Ahalt
Chalicians	7:45 am Leslie Sanya Edna Leake 9:00 am Bob Waters Sari Stoddard 11:15 am Christian Nwankwo Rimie Sicard	David Burton Enid Cole Winsome Palmer Jake Yalley-Ogunru Laura Shay Georgana Maines
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am Meredith Horan 9:00 am Susan McLaughlin 11:15 am Peg Ruppel	Janet King Randy Lord-Wilkinson Peg Ruppel
Acolytes	7:45 am Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas 9:00 am Alfred Wasikye Gary McLaughlin Paul Whitmore	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Roberta Taylor Kofi Kwamena-Poh Richard McFarland
Welcome Team	7:45 am Frank Sanya Florence Sirleaf 9:00 am Swithin Kwamena-Poh Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas Alex Langley 11:15 am Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo	Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi
Altar Guild	7:45 a.m. Enid Cole Mardia Dennis 9:00 a.m. TBA 11:15 a.m. Georgana Maines	Georgette Dennis TBA Avin Lalmansingh Anika Lalmansingh
Song Leader	11:15 a.m. Sue Snay	Claire Morin
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m. Enid Cole 9:00 a.m. Betsy Balicao 11:15 a.m. Mary Layne-Brizan	Jean Cohn Robertine Urey Rose Buck
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	7:45 a.m Team	9:00 a.m Team
Eucharistic Visitors	Jean Cohn	Barb Mansfield
Flower Delivery	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn Johnson	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer



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