



3rd Sunday after Pentecost

25 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 337

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

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.

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue sinning so grace will multiply? Absolutely not! All of us died to sin. How can we still live in it? Or don't you know that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we were buried together with him through baptism into his death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too can walk in newness of life. If we were united together in a death like his, we will also be united together in a resurrection like his. This is what we know: the person that we used to be was crucified with him in order to get rid of the corpse that had been controlled by sin. That way we wouldn't be slaves to sin anymore, because a person who has died has been freed from sin's power. But if we died with Christ, we have faith that we will also live with him. We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and he will never die again. Death no longer has power over him. He died to sin once and for all with his death, but he lives for God with his life. In the same way, you also should consider yourselves dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gather 427

How Can I Keep from Singing

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [10:24 – 39].

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Disciples aren't greater than their teacher, and slaves aren't greater than their master. It's enough for disciples to be like their teacher and slaves like their master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, it's certain that they will call the members of his household by even worse names. "Therefore, don't be afraid of those people because nothing is hidden that won't be revealed, and nothing secret that won't be brought out into the open. What I say to you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, announce from the rooftops. Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but can't kill the soul. Instead, be afraid of the one who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Aren't two sparrows sold for a small coin? But not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father knowing about it already. Even the hairs of your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. "Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before people, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven. But everyone who denies me before people, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. "Don't think that I've come to bring peace to the earth. I haven't come to bring peace but a sword. I've come to turn a man *against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. People's enemies are members of their own households.* "Those who love father or mother more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who love son or daughter more than me aren't worthy of me. Those who don't pick up their crosses and follow me aren't worthy of me. Those who find their lives will lose them, and those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Meditation

Chaplain Laura Shay

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

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gather 609

Taste and See

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:

Sanctus

Marty Haugen

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

*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*

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.

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 433

On Eagles's Wings

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, Peg Custer, Kirk Fitch, Sally Glick, William Glick, Margaret Joseph, Christine Kroma, David Parkerton, Olive Rivera, Fran Spina, Bob Waters, 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 William Carter, father of Sally Hunt, who died this past Thursday.

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

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 am David Burton 9:00 am Andrew Greene Marsha Sutherland 11:15 am Peedy Terry	Jean Cohn Gordon Donnelly Betsy Hasegawa Peg Ruppel
Prayers	7:45 am David Burton 9:00 am Susan Ahalt	Jean Cohn Carleton MacDonald
Chalicians	7:45 am David Burton Enid Cole 9:00 am Winsome Palmer Jake Yalley-Ogunru 11:15 am Laura Shay Georgana Maines	Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden Sue Snay Margaret Tellu Anika Lalmansingh Sarah Rubin
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 am Janet King 9:00 am Randy Lord-Wilkinson 11:15 am Peg Ruppel	Meredith Horan Javier Ocampo Laura Shay
Acolytes	7:45 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 9:00 am Roberta Taylor Kofi Kwamena-Poh Richard McFarland	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas Manny Johnson Nuelle Johnson Roberta Taylor
Welcome Team	7:45 am Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock 9:00 am Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke 11:15 am Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi	Jean Cohn Don Cohn Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson
Altar Guild	7:45 a.m. Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis 9:00 a.m. TBA 11:15 a.m. Avin Lalmansingh Anika Lalmansingh	Georgette Dennis Michelle Heinigwood TBA Laura Shay
Song Leader	11:15 a.m. Claire Morin	Alice Benson
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Robertine Urey 11:15 a.m. Rose Buck	Janet King Marion Rice Jeff Buck
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	9:00 a.m Team	11:15 a.m Team
Eucharistic Visitors	Barb Mansfield	Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Flower Delivery	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens



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