

Episcopal Church of the Ascension
 Contemplative Eucharist - 18 February AD 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move

Em C D7 G D

1. Moved by the Gos - pel, let us move With
 2. Let weav - ers form from bro - ken strands A
 3. O Spir - it, breathe a - mong us here; In -

G Am7 DSUS4 D G C Am7 D

ev - 'ry gift and art. The im - age of cre -
 tap - es - try of prayer. Let art - ists paint with
 spire the work we do. May hands and voic - es,

G A7 D G Am Em

a - tive love In - dwells each hu - man heart. The
 skill - ful hands Their joy, la - ment, and care. Then
 eye and ear At - test to life made new. In

Bm Em Am D G

Mak - er calls cre - a - tion good, So
 mime the sto - ry; Christ has come. With
 wor - ship and in dai - ly strife Cre -

C DSUS⁴ D G C Am

G D G Am Em

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Tune: KINGSFOLD, C.M.D.; English; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Read responsively.

I offer my life to you, LORD.
My God, I trust you.

Please don't let me be put to shame!
Don't let my enemies rejoice over me!

For that matter,
don't let anyone who hopes in you
be put to shame;
instead, let those who are treacherous without excuse be put to shame.

Make your ways known to me, LORD;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth—teach it to me—
because you are the God who saves me.
I put my hope in you all day long.

LORD, remember your compassion and faithful love—
they are forever!

But don't remember the sins of my youth or my wrongdoing.
**Remember me only according to your faithful love
for the sake of your goodness, LORD.**

The LORD is good and does the right thing;
he teaches sinners which way they should go.

God guides the weak to justice,
teaching them his way.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [1:9-15]
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. 11 And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness." At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him. After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

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

Silence, and Response

Meditation

Javier Ocampo

Verses

1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One;
2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness;
3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin-king star and burn-ing sun;
4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth;
5. Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new;

Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo-ry of your Son.
 Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love con-fess.
 God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one.
 Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth.
 Come and make op-pression cease: Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

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Intercessions

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, pausing for silence between petitions, and then offering spoken prayers as inspired to do so.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

God of love.
You hear our prayer.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the leader says:

We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to be and to do. In God there is forgiveness. Let us confess our sins.

All: 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 celebrant says

Through the cross of Christ, may God have mercy on us, pardon us and set us free. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Verses



1. Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised
 2. By God's word all was made, Heav'n and earth,
 3. Yet our pride makes us fall! So Christ came
 4. Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, And his spir -
 5. Rich and poor, we will sing, Hear - ing words
 6. So we stand with our song! We will work



with a song! To the Lord we be - long—
 light and shade, Na - ture's won - ders dis - played,
 for us all— Not the right - eous to call—
 it is giv'n To all those un - der heav'n
 that will ring, Bread and wine we will bring
 all as one For the king - dom we long;



Chil - dren of our ma - ker, God the great life giv - er!
 We to rule cre - a - tion From its first foun - da - tion.
 By his cross and pas - sion, Bring - ing us sal - va - tion!
 Who will walk be - side him, Though they once de - nied him!
 Here be - fore this ta - ble, With the weak and a - ble!
 We will sing to - geth - er, With our God for - ev - er!

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

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We offer gifts of money, bread and wine to show that all we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God.

The Holy Communion

It is recommended that people stand as they are able throughout the following prayer.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Celebrant

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 say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

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.

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,

**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
as we forgive others.
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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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 the one bread.

The Celebrant invites the people saying

The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and lives in you.

Administration of the Sacrament: At Ascension, all are welcome to receive the bread and wine. Come to the communion station and 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.

The ministers say the following words:

The Spirit of Christ, the bread of life.

The Spirit of Christ, the cup of life.

The communicant may respond each time

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

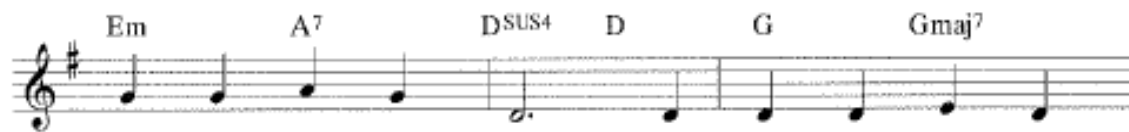
O God of Matchless Glory



1. O God of match-less glo-ry, Of all-sur-pass-ing
2. With Wis-dom as your part-ner You formed the earth and
3. Your word gives life for-ev-er; Our fear of death is



worth, You fill the world with won-der; You
sea; And still she calls the sim-ple, "Be
stilled. With liv-ing bread and wa-ter Our



bring the stars to birth. To whom shall we sing
wise and learn from me." Who else gives rest in
deep-est need is filled. To whom shall we go



prais-es? To whom, O God, but you? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
la-bor? Who else, O God, but you? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
seek-ing? To whom, O God, but you? Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-



lu-ia! You are our God; We be-long to you.
lu-ia! We share your yoke; We be-long to you.
lu-ia! You are our God; We be-long to you.

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The Dismissal

Celebrant:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People:

Thanks be to God.