



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

7 May AD 2017

7:45 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**.*

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### The Word of God

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One;  
**Have compassion upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Acts 2:42-47**

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23**

*Dominus regit me*

*Read responsively*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures  
**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
**for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [10:1-10].  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying. So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

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

**Sermon**

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

## The Nicene Creed

*Said by all*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
True God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann our Bishop,  
Randy and Javier our clergy, and Jason our Seminarian;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Sandy Boynton, John Carman, Carol Clark, Peg Custer, Mary Davidock, Elinor Etienne, Joseph Ellis, Kirk Fitch, Sally Glick, William Glick, James Harris, Christine Kroma, Margaret Joseph, Margaret Mirin, Al and Julie Pittman, Warren Porter, Nadir Menezes Rebouças, Home Reitwiesner, Nancy Snee, Fran Spina, Tom Thiele, Suzanne Winterhalter, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for John Carman, who died April 27, 2017.

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.

*Silence*

*The people may add their own petitions*

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, not and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant*                    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All kneel.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant alone stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen You in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Announcements

*Please stand at the presentation of the money and food offerings.*

### The Holy Communion

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 our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our 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**

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

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.

*And now,  
as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

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.

***Administration of the Sacrament: All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension.*** To receive communion, come to the communion station at the direction of the Welcome Team. 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 beside 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.**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Life is short, and we do not have too much time  
to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us.  
So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind.  
And may the blessing of the one who made us,  
who journeys with us,  
who breathes us into life moment by moment,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be upon you  
this day and always. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# Worship Leaders

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Jean Cohn <b>9:00 am</b> John Pruessner Sue Snay <b>11:15 am</b> Karl Didavi	Enid Cole Barbara Mansfield Betsy Hasegawa Anika Lalmansingh
<b>Prayers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Jean Cohn <b>9:00 am</b> Susan Ahalt	Enid Cole Carleton MacDonald
<b>Chalicians</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> David Burton Edna Leake <b>9:00 am</b> Sari Stoddard Bob Waters <b>11:15 am</b> Christian Nwankwo Sarah Rubin	Enid Cole Leslie Sanya Cynthia Dickson Swithin Kwamena-Poh Peg Ruppel Anika Lalmansingh
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Jean Cohn <b>9:00 am</b> Paul Whitmore <b>11:15 am</b> Peg Ruppel	Lisa Murdock Javier Ocampo Alex Langley
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas <b>9:00 am</b> Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson Paul Whitmore	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Kofi Kwamena-Poh Richard McFarland Lisa Dickson
<b>Welcome Team</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Enid Cole Wadai Dennis <b>9:00 am</b> Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black <b>11:15 am</b> Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo	Jean Cohn Don Cohn Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b> Enid Cole Mardia Dennis  <b>9:00 a.m.</b> TBA  <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis  TBA  Laura Shay
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>11:15 a.m.</b> Sue Snay	Betsy Hasegawa
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b> Lisa and Herald Douglas <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Joyce Bvumbe <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Penelope Cudjoe	Edna Leake Sarah Gallagher Anthony Lalmansingh
<b>Altar Guild Unscheduled Services</b>	7:45 a.m. Team	9:00 a.m Team
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	Javier Ocampo	Jean Cohn
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Adoma Baffoe Esther Sawyer	Eliane Dunn-Johnson Hawa Clemens



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