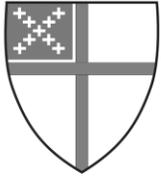


EPISCOPAL  
**Church of the  
Ascension**



**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

21 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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:7-18** *Jubilate Deo*

*Read responsively*

Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life, \***  
**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare; \***  
**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**  
**and will pay you my vows, \***  
**which I promised with my lips**  
**and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, \***  
**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart, \***  
**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \***  
**nor withheld his love from me.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [14:15-21].  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Javier Ocampo

### 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.

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 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.

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, Mariann our Bishop, and Randy and Javier our clergy;  
**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. You may add your own prayers at this time, either silently or aloud.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for Sandy Boynton, 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.

Altar Flowers are dedicated in memory of Shirley L. Thomas for Mother's day from her daughter, Nancy Carman.

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*

*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,*

*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 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.

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.





# Worship Leaders

## Today

## Next Sunday

<b>Readers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Leslie Sanya <b>9:00 am</b> Andrew Greene Gordon Donnelly <b>11:15 am</b> Tunde Ayinde	David Burton Christian Simpson Marsha Sutherland Alex Langley
<b>Prayers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Leslie Sanya <b>9:00 am</b> Sue Snay	David Burton Gary McLaughlin
<b>Chalichists</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> David Burton Wadai Dennis <b>9:00 am</b> Esther Tellu Major Clemens <b>11:15 am</b> Georgana Maines Laura Shay	Sharon Hayden Edna Leake Winsome Palmer Jake Yalley-Ogunru TBA Rimie Sicard
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Meredith Horan <b>9:00 am</b> Paul Whitmore <b>11:15 am</b> Sarah Rubin	Lisa Murdock Susan McLaughlin Laura Shay
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas <b>9:00 am</b> Alfred Wasikye Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Paul Whitmore Gary McLaughlin Kofi Kwamena-Poh
<b>Welcome Team</b>	<b>7:45 am</b> Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock <b>9:00 am</b> Swithin Kwamena-Poh Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas  <b>11:15 am</b> Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Meredith Horan Janet King Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke  Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b> Georgette Dennis  <b>9:00 a.m.</b> TBA  <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Georgana Maines	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis  TBA  Georgana Maines
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>11:15 a.m.</b> Sue Snay	Claire Morin
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	<b>7:45 a.m.</b> Sharon Hayden <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Kristin Fitzpatrick <b>11:15 a.m.</b> Peg Ruppel	Peter Maroulis Michelle Wood Georgana Maines
<b>Altar Guild Unscheduled Services</b>	11:15 a.m Team	7:45 a.m Team
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	Meredith Horan	Pamela Irons-Forth
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens



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