



The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 2, 2019  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

*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 in the narthex.*

*Please silence your audible devices.*

*Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.*

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

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### The Entrance Rite

(10:00 service only - the 8:00 a.m. service begins with the Opening Acclamation)

#### Opening Voluntary (Organ)

“Choral”

Joseph Jongen

#### Introit

*Sung by the choir.*

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Down Amphney*

*The people stand and remain standing through the Collect of the Day.*

#### Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

*Sung by all.*

“All hail the power of Jesus’ name”

**1982 Hymnal # 450**

*Coronation*

#### Opening Acclamation

*Priest*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

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

#### The Collect for Purity

*Priest and People*

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.*

*Gloria in Excelsis* (8:00 a.m. spoken - 1982 Hymnal S 236; 10:00 a.m. sung by all - John Rutter (b. 1945))

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -  
5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of  
depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

\_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Collect for the Day

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Let us pray.

*Priest and People*

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

**Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

*Reader* A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.** 

### Psalm 97 (8:00 a.m.– Read responsively)

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| 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice;<br>let the multitude of the isles be glad.                         | 4 His lightnings light up the world;<br>the earth sees it and is afraid.   |
| 2 Clouds and darkness are round about him,<br>righteousness and justice are the foundations<br>of his throne. | 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the<br>Lord,<br>at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. |
| 3 A fire goes before him<br>and burns up his enemies on every side.   | 6 The heavens declare his righteousness,<br>and all the peoples see his glory.                                   |

7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delight in false gods!

**Bow down before him, all you gods.**

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,  
**because of your judgments, O Lord.**

9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;  
**you are exalted far above all gods.**

10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;  
**he preserves the lives of his saints and  
delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

11 Light has sprung up for the righteous,  
**and joyful gladness for those who are  
truehearted.**

12 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**

**Psalm 97** (10:00 a.m. - Chanted by the choir)

*Antiphon is sung first by the choir, then all repeat.*

$\text{♩} = 110$

Let the peo - ple re - joice, the Lord is ru - ler of all.

*Choir chants the Psalm text, then all repeat the antiphon.*

### The Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*Reader* A reading from The Book of Revelation

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words:

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.** 🛎

*The people stand and remain standing through the Gospel.*

**Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)**

*Sung by all.*

"Christ is the world's true light"

**1982 Hymnal # 542**

*St. Joan*

Verses 1-2 before the Gospel, verse 3 following the Gospel.

### The Gospel

John 17:20-26

*Gospeller* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely

one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

**Sermon**

**Ms. Peggy Ruppel**

*The people stand.*

**The Affirmation of Faith**

*Priest and People*

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.

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

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. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Celebrant:* Our hope is found in the presence of the King of Glory, so let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Litanist:* We pray, Jesus, that your prayers might be answered: May your Church be one as you and the Father are one. And through our unity, may the whole world come to know your love.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Litanist:* Most High, we eagerly await your return. We long for your reign of justice and righteousness. Now, even as we wait, deliver the innocent from the hands of the wicked; bless the truehearted with joyful gladness. We pray for the end of wage exploitation of day laborers, of foreign domestics, of migrant farm workers and of temporary workers who have few rights or benefits.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Litanist:* O Lord, the heavens declare your righteousness. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, lungs to breathe in your holy presence. May we become aware of and free ourselves of the systems that institute inequality, poverty and illness.

We now invite your thanksgivings to the Lord, either silently or aloud. Lord, we thank you for the beauty of the earth. May the signs of this gift of beauty fill our hearts with your generosity and turn our hearts and actions towards justice and mercy.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Litanist:* We pray, Lover of souls, for all those who are being exploited. We pray for those in bondage. We pray for those who suffer because of the greed of others. We pray for an end to trafficking of all persons for unpaid labor, for the sex trade and for the exploitation of children.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Litanist:* We pray for those who thirst for wholeness, for healing, for deliverance. We pray for all those who thirst. Give to the thirsty the gift of the water of life.

We now invite your petitions to the Lord, either silently or aloud.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for the **Alston Family, Joanne Bright, Sciou Broderick, Harriette Eleanor Cooper, Ron Lubet, Stephanie Mitchell, Edna Nacht, Marcia Nobel, Jerry Pfadenhauer, Daniel Pagan, Warren Porter, Eduardo Rincon, the Ritchie Family, Fran Spina, Marsha Sutherland, Samuel Tellu, Ruthann Winterhalter, Carlina Veregara, Sharon Wood, Eric Yhap, Kathy Bainbridge, Judy Conroy** and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

We give thanks for the birthdays of **Gareth Bennett, Bob Waters, Daniel Yankie, Daniel Gallagher, Leslie Zeman, Matilda Muyanwa, Jesse Emmanuel Velazquez, Christen Ruggeri, Karianne Johnsen.** May God continue to pour blessings on their lives.

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. We remember all our military who have died in the service of our country.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

*Litanist:* Alpha and Omega, you bid your people, "Come!" May we, and all who have died, be with you, where you are, forever and ever.

*Silence*

Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus!**

All say the prayer for Ascension,

**God of all, we offer thanks to you for this our parish, Church of the Ascension, as we gather here together in your name. Bless us with remembrance of those who founded this parish, erected the walls and provided the space we have today. We pray that we may continue their work with perseverance and faithfulness to become a truly One Ascension for this community. We pray for strength, steadfastness, and vision for Padre Javier on his journey as our Priest in Charge. Guide us as we walk the way with him. We pray that the path we take together and the light that shows us the way are your own. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.*

**Announcements**

## Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## Offertory Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

*Sung by the choir*

“Ascension Anthem on Agincourt:”

Arr. Richard Zgodava

## Hymn at the Presentation (10:00 a.m.)

*Sung by all, standing*

“Come, risen Lord and deign to be our guest”

1982 Hymnal # 306, verses 1 & 4

*Sursum Corda*

## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

(Spoken at 8:00 a.m., sung by all at 10:00 a.m.)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed 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 people kneel or stand; the Celebrant continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

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.*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread; a period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

*Christ our Passover*

1982 The Hymnal S 154

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Refrain

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people sit.*

**Administration of the Sacrament:** All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to a 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 cross your arms on 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.

### Communion Hymns

"Many are the Lightbeams"

Gather #534

Olle Widestrand

"They'll Know we are Christians"

Gather #533

St. Brendan's

### Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitor

*When at this service*

*Celebrant* 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

*The people kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

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 forever. Amen.

### Choral Benediction

*Sung by the choir.*

" God be in my Head "

John Rutter

### The Blessing

*The people stand, the celebrant continues*

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. **Amen.**

God the Son, our great high priest, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful followers of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

Recessional Hymn

Sung by all. (10:00 a.m.)

"We all are one in mission"

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
 3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;  
 4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
 the steward of salvation was nailed up on a tree.  
 Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

A single, great mission compels us from above  
 to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
 Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.  
 so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.  
 free reconciliation and hope amid despair.  
 our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary (Piano)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

arr. Mark Hayes

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## Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	8:00 am Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Karl Didavi Kristen Keating	Jean Cohn Pete Minderman Peedy Terry
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	8:00 am Leslie Sanya 10:00 am Alex Langley	Jean Cohn Barb Mansfield
<b>Chalicians</b>	8:00 am Leslie Sanya Edna Leake 10:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley	David Burton Wadai Dennis Shirley Allen Sari Stoddard
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	8:00 am Lisa Murdock 10:00 am Alex Langley	Jean Cohn Barb Mansfield
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Monty Petersen Ethan Liberty Aaron Lalmansingh	Raymond Chin Isa Noble Pete Minderman Hallie Porter Elise Liberty
<b>Welcome Team</b>	8:00 am Janet King Florence Sirleaf 10:00 am Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke	Don Cohn Jean Cohn Sciou Broderick Alice Padmore Peedy Terry Alex Langley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00 am Mardia Dennis 10:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Elizabeth Lennon	Wadai Dennis Leslie Sanya Shirley Allen Dorett Sutherland
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	8:00 a.m. Janet King 10:00 a.m. Aaron and Emma Boyce	Wadai Dennis Dorett Sutherland Michelle Wood Nathalie Scottt
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens
<b>Eucharistic Visitor(s)</b>	Zadinga Ogada	Meredith Horan Jean Cohn