



The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 19, 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)

"If ye love me, keep my commandments"

Guest Organist/Choir Director, Don Chandler  
Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

#### Introit

"From all that dwell below the skies"

*Sung by the choir.*

*Duke Street*

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

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

"Come away to the skies"

*Sung by all.*

**1982 Hymnal # 213**

*Middlebury*

#### 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 - BCP page 356; 10:00 a.m. sung by all -- Robert Powell, b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**The Collect for the Day**

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

*Priest and People*

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

*Reader* A reading from Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.** ☪

### Psalm 148 (8:00 a.m.- Read responsively)

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
**praise him in the heights.**

Praise him, all you angels of his;  
**praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;  
**praise him, all you shining stars.**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
**and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;  
**for he commanded, and they were created.**

He made them stand fast forever and ever;  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,  
**fruit trees and all cedars;**

Wild beasts and all cattle,  
**creeping things and winged birds;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
**princes and all rulers of the world;**

Young men and maidens,  
**old and young together.**

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,  
**for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**

He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near  
him. Hallelujah!**

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



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

**The Second Reading**

Revelation 21:1-6

*Reader* A reading from The Book of Revelation

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

*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.*

"O holy city, seen of John"

**1982 Hymnal # 583**

*Morning Song*

Verses 1-3 before the Gospel, verse 4 following the Gospel.

**The Gospel**

John 13:31-35

*Gospeller* The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Nan Hildebrand

*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:* Sisters and brothers, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, make all things new."

*Litanist:* Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. We pray for peace among all groups and nations engaged in armed conflict, particularly we pray for peace among the Christian and Muslim minorities of Sri Lanka. We also pray for Venezuela and its people.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*Litanist:* Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. We thank you for your inspiration of the peacemakers of the earth, particularly for former President Jimmy Carter's peace work through the Carter Center.

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

*Silence*

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*Litanist:* Gracious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the heavens so that we will be energized to care for your creation. Increase our commitment to reduce consumption of plastics, to increase recycling programs, to manage water resources for safe water for all and to pursue collective agreements on reducing carbon emissions from fossil fuels.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*Litanist:* Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our cities and towns the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. We pray for accessible and qualified addiction treatment and mental health care for all. We pray for a society which spreads love through the works of mercy to all in pain.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*Litanist:* Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people.

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

We give thanks for the life of Tom Hall, who died on May 12, 2019; a generous man, who dedicated himself to protecting the environment, notably as a volunteer Park Ranger, through his lifestyle, his giving, his testimony and his advocacy.

We give thanks for the life of Suzanne Winterhalter, Leslie Sanya's mother, who died on May 12, 2019.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for the **Alston Family, Joanne Bright, Daniel Pagan, Sciou Broderick, Harriette** Eleanor Cooper, **Elise** Weade Johnson, **Ron** Lubet, **Thomas** McAnally, **Stephanie** Mitchell, **Edna** Nacht, **Marcia** Nobel, **Jerry** Pfadenhauer, **Warren** Porter, **Eduardo** Rincon, the **Ritchie Family, Olive** Rivera, **Rebecca** Santos, **Fran** Spina, **Marsha** Sutherland, **Samuel** Tellu, **Ruthann** Winterhalter, **Sharon** Wood, 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 **Betty** Knight, **Kelly** Ten Hagen, **Matthew** Bonsib, **Nneka** Achufusi, **Henrietta** Jarrett. May God continue to pour blessings on their lives.

We give thanks for food donations given to Gaithersburg Help in honor and remembrance of our mothers:

<u>In Loving Memory of</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Shirley L. Thomas.....	Nancy Carman
Jan King and Peg Stoddard.....	Sari Stoddard and Paul Whitmore
Ernestine L. Andersen and Jean Fitzpatrick....	Kristin and Jerry Fitzpatrick
Norma Whitmore.....	Paul Whitmore and Sari Stoddard
Mary Ann Ricks.....	Shirley Allen

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Crystal Rouse.....	Jack and Mary Rouse
Juanita Luna.....	Norma Luna
Tidi Speare Stewart.....	Shirley Allen

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.

*Silence*

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*Litanist:* Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life.

Silence

Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

*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.)

"Cantante Domino"

*Sung by the choir*

Giuseppi Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

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

"In Christ there is no East or West"

*Sung by all, standing*

1982 Hymnal # 529

*McKee*

## 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.

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 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**

*Taste and See*

**Wonder, Love and Praise # 764**

James E. Moore, Jr. (b. 1951)

Refrain

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord. **Fine**

*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**

"They'll Know we are Christians"  
"Moved by the Gospel, Let Us Move"

**Gather # 533**  
**Gather # 491**

*St. Brendan's*  
*Kingsfold*

**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.

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You "

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

**The Blessing**

*The people stand, the celebrant continues*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

“Soon and Very Soon” Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS) # 14

Andrae Crouch (b. 1942)

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,  
 2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,  
 4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King;

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

1.2. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah,  
 3.4. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Dismissal

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

Closing Voluntary (Organ)

"Fantasy in F"

Guest Organist/Choir Director, Don Chandler  
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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## Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Readers</b>	8:00 am TBD 10:00 am Marsha Sutherland Chris Ruggeri	David Burton Kristen Keating Avin Lalmansingh
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	8:00 am TBD 10:00 am Susan McLaughlin	David Burton Anika Lalmansingh
<b>Chalicians</b>	8:00 am TBD Sharon Hayden 10:00 am Howard Holland Major Clemens	David Burton Wadai Bright Swithin Kwamena-Poh Esther Tellu
<b>Healing Prayer Ministers</b>	8:00 am Jean Cohn 10:00 am Peg Ruppel	Janet King Susan McLaughlin
<b>Acolytes</b>	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Paul Whitmore Elise Liberty Aaron Lalmansingh	Raymond Chin Isa Noble Pete Minderman Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson
<b>Welcome Team</b>	8:00 am Wadai Bright Florence Sirleaf 10:00 am Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson	Janet King Frank Sanya Swithin Kwamena-Poh Algernon Thomas Henry Musikar
<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00 am Michelle Wood Georgette Dennis 10:00 am Florence Chukwurah Dotty Pfadenhauer	Hawa Clemens Danielle Allen Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
<b>Hospitality Angels</b>	8:00 a.m. David Burton 10:00 a.m. Kristen Fitzpatrick Sarah Gallagher	Danielle Allen Ron and Jan Hauber Georgana Maines
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn Johnson
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Peg Ruppel	Jean Cohn