



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:

26 February A.D. 2017

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*
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 one of the members of the Welcome Team or the table next to the Church Office door.

We meet for coffee, tea, and snacks in the Narthex after each service.

The Nursery in Room 2 is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Within the bulletin, the people read the parts in bold print

Welcome and Announcements

Gather 546

Morning has Broken

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Let us pray.

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.

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them." So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The LORD's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the LORD's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Thanks be to God.

Gather 461

You are Mine

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [17:1-9]

Glory To You, Lord Christ.

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces,

filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."

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

Meditation

Joey Rick, *Canon for Congregational Vitality*

The Affirmation of Faith*

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.

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

The Prayers of the People

Prayers are invited, either silently or aloud. After each spoken prayer, a gong will sound.

Concluding Prayer

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Gather 527

Prayer for Peace

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.
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.

*From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p. 481

*It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God. For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing:

Celebrant and People

Gather 168

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 Celebrant continues

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

*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.**

*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.**

From A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 181

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and a period of silence is kept.

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Administration of the Sacrament: *All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Ascension. To receive communion, come to the communion station. 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 to the right of the pulpit after receiving communion. A healing minister will be there to pray with you.*

When there is a Eucharistic Visitor present

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.

Let us pray.

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.

Gather 284

Jerusalem, My Destiny

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

We pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Sandy Boynton, Debbie Capo, John Carman, Joann Gertig, William Glick, Diana Goldman, Dotty Pfadenhauer, Sarah Rubin, William Joyce Ruppel, Roz Silver-Marcotte and Suzanne Winterhalter.

We give thanks for the life of Carl Ruppel, who died on February 8.

We give thanks for the life of James Lanier Perine, father of Lori Perine, who died last Saturday.

We give thanks for the birth of Atticus Grant to Christian and Marissa Simpson last Sunday.

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.

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	7:45 a.m. David Burton 9:00 a.m. Sue Snay Susan Ahalt 11:15 a.m. Avin Lalmansingh	Jason Cutshall Chris Ruggeri Carleton MacDonald Alex Langley
Prayers	7:45 a.m. David Burton 9:00 a.m. Barb Mansfield	Jason Cutshall John Pruessner
Chalicians	7:45 a.m. Edna Leake Jason Cutshall 9:00 a.m. Bob Waters Major Clemens 11:15 a.m. Sarah Rubin Christian Nwankwo	David Burton Leslie Sanya Jake Yalley-Ogunru Winsome Palmer Anika Lalmansingh Laura Shay
Healing Prayer Ministers	7:45 a.m. Jean Cohn 9:00 a.m. Susan McLalughlin 11:15 a.m. Jason Cutshall	Jason Cutshall Major Clemens Sarah Rubin
Acolytes	7:45 a.m. Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas 9:00 a.m. Kofi Kwamena-Poh Gary McLaughlin Richard McFarland	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas Bob Waters Alfred Wasikye Lisa Dickson
Welcome Team	7:45 a.m. Enid Cole Meredith Horan 9:00 a.m. Swithin Kwamena-Poh Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas 11:15 a.m. Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Wadai Dennis Janet King Esther Allotey-Taylor Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
Altar Guild	7:45 a.m. Georgette Dennis 9:00 a.m. Kris Fitzpatrick Sarah Gallagher 11:15 a.m. Georgana Maines	Enid Cole Wadai Dennis TBA Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
Song Leader	11:15 a.m. Claire Morin	Alice Benson
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m. Sharon Hayden 9:00 a.m. Kristin Fitzpatrick 11:15 a.m. Jeff Buck	Peter Maroulis Michelle Wood Penelope Cudjoe
Altar Guild Unscheduled Services	11:15 a.m. Team	7:45 a.m. Team
Eucharistic Visitor	Meredith Horan	Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Flower Delivery	Eliane Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe

Leadership at Ascension

Clergy

The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
Jason Cutshall, *Seminarian*

Musicians

Jerrold Tidwell, *Minister of Music*
Howard Hanson, *Musician, Service for Families with Small Children at 10:15 a.m.*
Samuel Munguia, *Musician, Spanish Language Service at 11:00 a.m.*
Eric O'Loughlin, *Musician, 5:00 p.m. Service*

Wardens

Betsy Hasegawa, *Senior Warden*
Janet King, *Junior Warden*

Vestry

2017: Denise Lionetti, Najma Stubblefield, Paul Whitmore
2018: Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin, Berenice Rodriguez
2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Howard Holland, *Treasurer*

Ministry Area Leaders

Megan Didavi, *Christian Formation for Children*
Angie Hight-Walker, *Christian Formation for Youth*
Ted Bedell, *Facilities*
Howard Holland, *Finance*
Paul Boynton, *Mission*
Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Pastoral Care*
Jean Cohn, *Personnel*
Carleton MacDonald, *Worship*

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay
Alternate: Mardia Dennis

Staff

Kathy Van Arnum, *Parish Administrator*
Eleni Hailu, *Media Specialist*
Brenda Alvarez, *Nursery Attendant*

