



The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

22 January A.D. 2017

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson, *Rector*
The Rev. Javier García Ocampo, *Assistant to the Rector*
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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

♦ Please silence your audible devices ♦

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. II My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

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

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Should I fear anyone?

The Lord is a fortress protecting my life.

Should I be frightened of anything?

Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling

during troubling times;

he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent;

he will set me up high, safe on a rock.

Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me,

and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—

sacrifices with shouts of joy!

I will sing and praise the Lord.

Lord, listen to my voice when I cry out—

have mercy on me and answer me!

Come, my heart says, seek God's face.

Lord, I do seek your face!

Please don't hide it from me!

Don't push your servant aside angrily—

you have been my help!

God who saves me,

don't neglect me!

Don't leave me all alone!

Even if my father and mother left me all alone,

the Lord would take me in.

Lord, teach me your way;

because of my opponents, lead me on a good path.

Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies,

because false witnesses and violent accusers

have taken their stand against me.

But I have sure faith

that I will experience the Lord's goodness

in the land of the living!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew [4:12-23]

Glory To You, Lord Christ.

Now when Jesus heard that John was arrested, he went to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, which lies alongside the sea in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali. This fulfilled what Isaiah the prophet said: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, alongside the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who lived in the dark have seen a great light, and a light has come upon those who lived in the region and in shadow of death. From that time Jesus began to announce, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" As Jesus walked alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, because they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right

away, they left their nets and followed him. 21 Continuing on, he saw another set of brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with Zebedee their father repairing their nets. Jesus called them and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues. He announced the good news of the kingdom and healed every disease and sickness among the people.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Javier Ocampo

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People: Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mariann our Bishop, Randy and Javier, our clergy, Jason, our seminarian, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

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.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. You may add your own prayers at this time silently or aloud.

We pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Debbie Capo, Sandy Boynton, Peggy Longo, Sarah Rubin, Roz Silver-Marcotte, James Harris, Margaret Joseph, Donna Keating.

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.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. You may offer your own prayers of thanksgiving at this time.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We give thanks for the life of Janet Spencer, who died on January 17.

We give thanks for the life of Susan MacDonald, in whose memory her husband Carleton gave the altar flowers, upon the anniversary of her death (January 18, 2016).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All kneel. Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer I

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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**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.

You may stand or kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*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 Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

Let us pray.

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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.

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

WORSHIP LEADERS

		This Week	Next Week
Reader:	7:45 a.m.	David Burton	Jason Cutshall
	9:00 a.m.	Alvaro Gonzales Susan Ahalt	Susan McLaughlin Gary McLaughlin
	11:15 a.m.	Anne Brink	Tunde Ayinde
Prayers:	7:45 a.m.	David Burton	Jason Cutshall
	9:00 a.m.	Marsha Sutherland	Gordon Donnelly
Chalicians:	7:45 a.m.	Leslie Sanya Edna Leake	David Burton Sharon Hayden
	9:00 a.m.	Bob Waters Cynthia Perley	Jason Cutshall Margaret Tellu
	11:15 a.m.	Sarah Rubin Christian Nwankwo	Rimie Sicard Peg Ruppel
Healing Prayer Ministers:			
	7:45 a.m.	Jean Cohn	Jason Cutshall
	9:00 a.m.	Susan McLaughlin	Major Clemens
	11:15 a.m.	Alex Langley	Jason Cutshall
Acolytes:	7:45 a.m.	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas
	9:00 a.m.	Lisa Dickson Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson	Kofi Kwamena-Poh Richard McFarland Gary McLaughlin
Welcome Team:			
	7:45 a.m.	Janet King Frank Sanya	Enid Cole Wadai Dennis
	9:00 a.m.	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson	Swithin Kwamena-Poh Kevin Blanc Algernon Thomas
	11:15 a.m.	Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo	Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi
Flower Delivery:		Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens	Eliane Dunn-Johnson Alice Padmore
Altar Guild:	7:45 a.m.	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis	Leslie Sanya Wadai Dennis
	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon	Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro Joyce Bvumbe
	11:15 a.m.	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	Laura Shay
Weekly Altar Guild Team:		7:45 a.m. Team	9:00 a.m. Team
Eucharistic Visitors:		Javier Ocampo Enid Cole	Pamela Irons-Forth Barb Mansfield
Song Leader	11:15 a.m.	Claire Morin	Alice Benson
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m.	Janet King	Wadai Dennis
	9:00 a.m.	Marion Rice	Ron & Jan Hauber
	11:15 a.m.	Georgana Maines	Pamela Novel

