



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

15 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*
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

◆ 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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, coastlands;
pay attention, peoples far away.
The Lord called me before my birth,
called my name when I was in my mother's womb.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
and hid me in the shadow of God's own hand.
He made me a sharpened arrow,
and concealed me in God's quiver,
saying to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I show my glory."
But I said, "I have wearied myself in vain.
I have used up my strength for nothing."
Nevertheless, the Lord will grant me justice;
my reward is with my God.
And now the Lord has decided—
the one who formed me from the womb as his servant—

to restore Jacob to God,
so that Israel might return to him.
Moreover, I'm honored in the Lord's eyes;
my God has become my strength.

He said: It is not enough, since you are my servant,
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the survivors of Israel.
Hence, I will also appoint you as light to the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Lord, redeemer of Israel and its holy one,
says to one despised,
rejected by nations,
to the slave of rulers:
Kings will see and stand up;
commanders will bow down
on account of the Lord, who is faithful,
the holy one of Israel,
who has chosen you.

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

Psalm 40:1-12

I put all my hope in the Lord.
**He leaned down to me;
he listened to my cry for help.**

He lifted me out of the pit of death,
out of the mud and filth,
**and set my feet on solid rock.
He steadied my legs.**

He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise for our God.
Many people will learn of this and be amazed;
they will trust the Lord.

Those who put their trust in the Lord,
**who pay no attention to the proud
or to those who follow lies,
are truly happy!**

You, Lord my God!
**You've done so many things—
your wonderful deeds and your plans for us—
no one can compare with you!**

You don't relish sacrifices or offerings;
**you don't require entirely burned offerings or com-
pensation offerings—**
If I were to proclaim and talk about all of them,
**they would be too numerous to count!
but you have given me ears!**

So I said, "Here I come!
I'm inscribed in the written scroll.

I want to do your will, my God.
Your instruction is deep within me."

I've told the good news of your righteousness
in the great assembly.
**I didn't hold anything back—
as you well know, Lord!**

I didn't keep your righteousness only to myself.
I declared your faithfulness and your salvation.
**I didn't hide your loyal love and trustworthiness
from the great assembly.**

So now you, Lord—
don't hold back any of your compassion from me.

Let your loyal love and faithfulness always protect me,
because countless evils surround me.

My wrongdoings have caught up with me—
I can't see a thing!

There's more of them than hairs on my head—
my courage leaves me.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John [1:29-42]

Glory To You, Lord Christ.

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son." The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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.**

**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.**

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 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, Joann Gertig, Diane Goldman, Peggy Longo, Sarah Rubin, Roz Silver-Marcotte, Janet Spencer, Fran Spina.

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.

Compassionate God and Father of all, we are horrified at violence in so many parts of the world. It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified. Hold back the hands that kill and maim; turn around the hearts that hate. Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace – peace that passes our understanding but changes lives.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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.

We give thanks for the life of Graham Hartwell, former member of the choir, who died January 9, and who in 2001 donated the Casavant pipe organ that enriches our worship to this day.

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.

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

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 C

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

*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 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

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 for ever. 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.	Leslie Sanya	David Burton
	9:00 a.m.	Gary McLaughlin Sue Snay	Alvaro Gonzales Susan Ahalt
	11:15 a.m.	Peg Ruppel	Anne Brink
Prayers:	7:45 a.m.	Leslie Sanya	David Burton
	9:00 a.m.	Christian Simpson	Marsha Sutherland
Chalicians:	7:45 a.m.	Enid Cole Wadai Dennis	Leslie Sanya Edna Leake
	9:00 a.m.	Jake Yalley-Ogunru Winsome Palmer	Bob Waters Cynthia Perley
	11:15 a.m.	Avin Lalmansingh Anika Lalmansingh	Sarah Rubin Christian Nwankwo
Healing Prayer Ministers:			
	7:45 a.m.	Meredith Horan	Jean Cohn
	9:00 a.m.	Javier Ocampo	Susan McLaughlin
	11:15 a.m.	Peg Ruppel	Alex Langley
Acolytes:	7:45 a.m.	Raymond Chin Aidan Douglas	Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas
	9:00 a.m.	Paul Whitmore Alfred Wasikye Bob Waters	Lisa Dickson Nuelle Johnson Manny Johnson
Welcome Team:	7:45 a.m.	Herald Douglas Lisa Murdock	Janet King Frank Sanya
	9:00 a.m.	Dorett Sutherland James Black Jonathan Black	Nii Armah Akuete Ruby King Charles Dickson
	11:15 a.m.	Alex Langley Alice Padmore Kendall Anderson	Sciou Broderick Peedy Terry Emmanuel Nwankwo
Flower Delivery:		Alice Padmore Esther Sawyer	Adoma Baffoe Hawa Clemens
Altar Guild:	7:45 a.m.	Georgette Dennis	Enid Cole Mardia Dennis
	9:00 a.m.	Dorett Sutherland Dotty Pfadenhauer	Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Liz Lennon
	11:15 a.m.	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh
Weekly Altar Guild Team:		9:00 a.m. Team	11:15 a.m. Team
Eucharistic Visitors:		Kate Foley Meredith Horan	Pamela Irons-Forth Enid Cole
Song Leader	11:15 a.m.	Sue Snay	Claire Morin
Hospitality Angels	7:45 a.m.	Jean Cohn	Janet King
	9:00 a.m.	Fe Wlotzko	Marion Rice
	11:15 a.m.	Peg Ruppel	Georgana Maines

