



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

15 January 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

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Glory and Praise to Our God

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.

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.

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We Are the Body of Christ

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[a]). 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.

Meditation

(The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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.

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

The Prayers of the People

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

Concluding Prayer

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, worshiped, 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.

Gather 614

Take and Eat

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.

**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:

**From A New Zealand Prayer Book, P. 467*

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.

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Here I am, Lord

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 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.

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Worship Leaders

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

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

Zadinga Ogada, *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*

