



The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 12, 2020
8:00 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 by the Church office door.

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**.*

The Entrance Rite

(10:00 a.m. service only - the 8:00 a.m. service begins with the Opening Acclamation)

Opening Voluntary

"'Arioso' from Cantata BWV 156 "

Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

Sung by the Choir

"I will Exalt You"

Lloyd Larson

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

Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.) *Sung by all.*

"I come," the great Redeemer cries

1982 Hymnal # 116

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Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.*

Prayer for our Children and Teachers

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed Ascension with these children and these teachers: Give these children your gift of joy and wonder, and pour your blessings upon them. Give these teachers calm strength and patient wisdom so they may teach our children to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis: (10:00 a.m.)

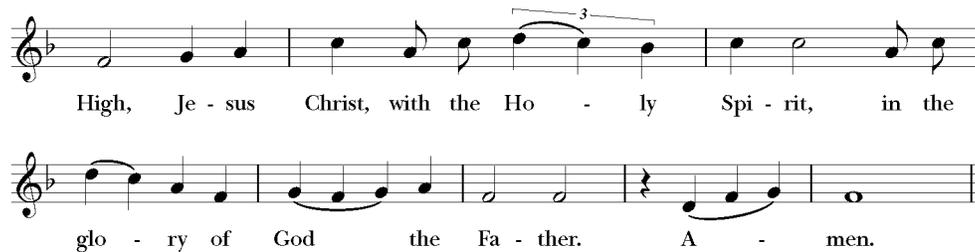
Sung by all.

“Glory to God in the highest”

1982 Hymnal # S 280

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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



The Collect of the Day

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

Priest and People

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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

Psalm 29 (Read responsively)

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

"Christ, when for us you were baptized"

1982 Hymnal # 121

Caithness

First three verses are sung before the Gospel; last verse is sung after the Gospel.

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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. Javier G. Ocampo

The people stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant
People* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

*Celebrant
People* Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant
People* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant
People* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant
People* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant
People* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant
People* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant
People* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant
People* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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 all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Mariann and Chilton, our Bishops, and Javier, Nan and Eugene, our clergy.
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage, and hope for **Samuel** Tellu, **Sciou** Broderick, **Marcia** Noble, **Eduardo** Rincon, **Warren** Porter, **Jim** Wilson, **Tim** Anderson, **Leslie** Sanya, **Sue** Jenkins, **Olive** Rivera, **Wadai** Dennis, **Judy** Conroy, **Doris** Chin, **Jean** Cohn, **Lee** Silverman, **Johnetta** Mars-Gibson, **Clint** Miller, **Neville** Barr, **Phyllis** Kramer, **Calya** Crawford, **Rebecca** Pittman, **John** Walker, **Jose Luis** Rodriguez, **Susan** McLaughlin, **Claire** Morin, **Amy** Van Dalinda, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as those on our extended healing prayer list.

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 Lord, we pray for all of your creatures, both humankind and animals, who have been devastated by recent natural disasters in Australia and Puerto Rico, especially for those who have lost their lives and for the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Lord, be with the rescue workers and keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations. And bless all those who are doing everything they can to help in whatever capacity.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We give thanks for the birthdays of **Sarah** Olsen, **Venice** Greene, **Muyangwa** Muyangwa, **Inonge** Muyangwa, **Claire** Rouse, **Amara** Clemens, **Emmanuel** Chukwurah, **Willie** Justiniano, **Darnell** Duhaney and **Guadalupe** Oujjada..

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name forever 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.

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.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **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

"Come to the Water"

Sung by the choir

John Foley, arr. Jack Schrader

Hymn at the Presentation

"In Christ there is no East or West"

Sung by all, standing

1982 Hymnal # 529

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Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther -
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

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 our thanks and praise**

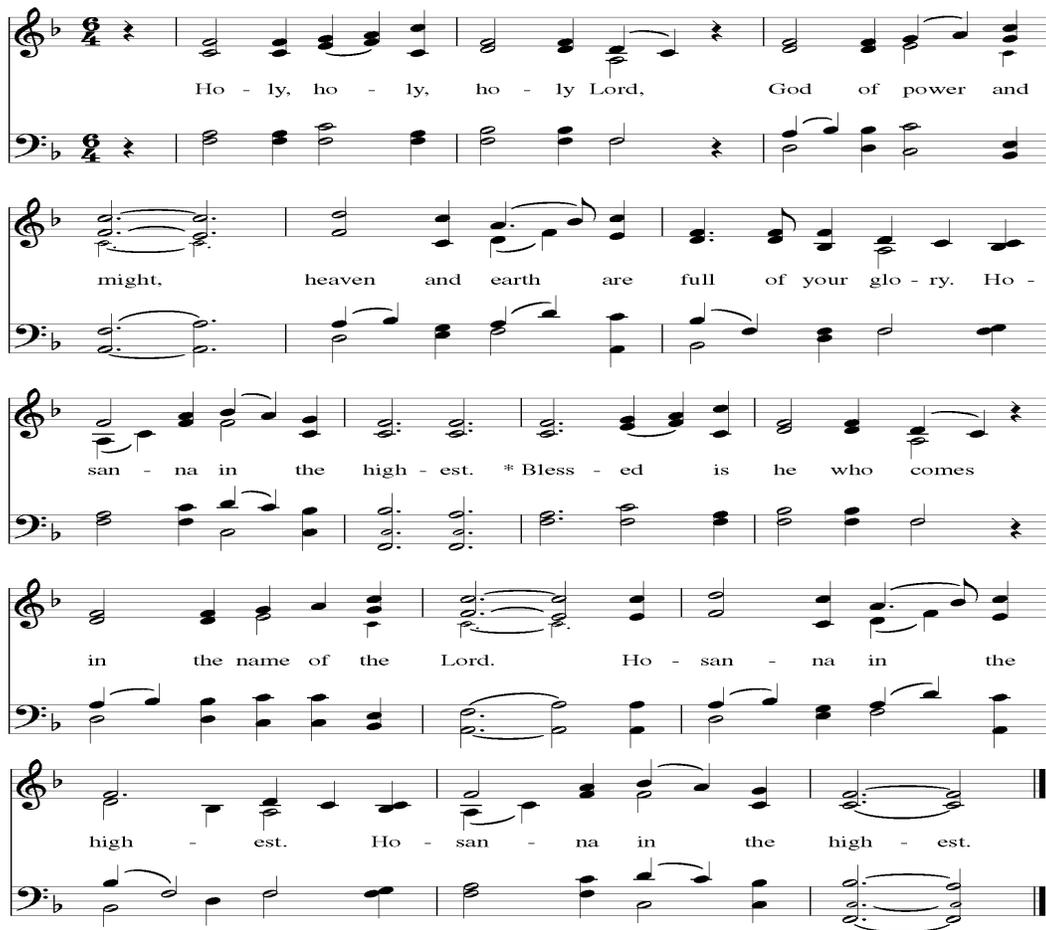
Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 10:00 a.m.)*
"Holy, holy, holy Lord" **Wonder, Love, and Praise # 858** *American folk melody*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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 people kneel or stand.

Celebrant.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

Celebrant and People

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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem
 "Taste and see"

(Spoken at 8:00 a.m., Sung at 10:00 a.m.)
Wonder, Love, and Praise # 764

James E. Moore, Jr.

Musical score for "Taste and see" in 3/8 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "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." The piece ends with a "Fine" marking.

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 Hymn (10:00 a.m.)
 "Take me to the water"

Sung by all.
Lift Every Voice and Sing # 134

African-American Spiritual

Musical score for "Take me to the water" in 12/8 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2. None - but the right - eous, none - but the right
 3. I - love - Je - sus, I - love - Je -
 4. He's - my - Sav - ior, He's - my - Sav -
 1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -
 2. right - eous, none - but the right
 3. Je - sus, I - love - Je -
 4. Sav - ior, He's - my - Sav -
 1. ter to be bap - tized.
 2. eous shall see God.
 3. sus, oh yes, I do.
 4. ior, oh yes, He is."

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.**

The people kneel or stand.

Prayer after Communion

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.

Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **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.

Recessional Hymn

"The sinless one to Jordan came"

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal # 120

Solemnis haec festivitas

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

"Chaconne in G minor"

Louis Couperin

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am Danielle Allen 10:00 am Betsy Hasegawa Peedy Terry	Julia Thom Andrew Greene Pete Minderman
Prayers of the People	8:00 am Danielle Allen 10:00 am Alex Langley	Julia Thom Shirley Allen
Chalicians	8:00 am Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden 10:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley	David Burton Edna Leake Georgana Maines Florence Chukwurah
Healing Prayer Ministers	8:00 am Marcia Noble 10:00 am Barb Mansfield	Lisa Murdock Laurie Yelle
Acolytes	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Monty Petersen Emmanuel Chukwurah Hallie Porter	Ray Chin Isa Noble Pete Minderman Aaron Lalmansingh Ethan Liberty
Welcome Team	8:00 am Frank Sanya Florence Sirleaf 10:00 am Swithin Kwamena-Po Algernon Thomas Henry Muskar Tunde Ayinde	Florence Sirleaf Wadai Dennis Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke Sciou Broderick
Altar Guild	8:00 am Michelle Wood Georgette Dennis 10:00 am Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley Elizabeth Lennon	Marcia Noble Danielle Allen Kristin Fitzpatrick Sarah Gallagher
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. Wadai Dennis 10:00 a.m. Robertine Watson Shirley Allen	David Burton Emma Boyce Aaron Boyce
Flower Delivery	Eliane Dunn Johnson Alice Padmore	Esther Sawyer Adoma Baffoe
Eucharistic Visitor(s)	Meredith Horan	Pamela Irons-Forth