



The Third Sunday of the Epiphany

January 26, 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

Pastorale

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.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

1982 Hymnal # 616

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein

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 (8:00 a.m. – spoken by all)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

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

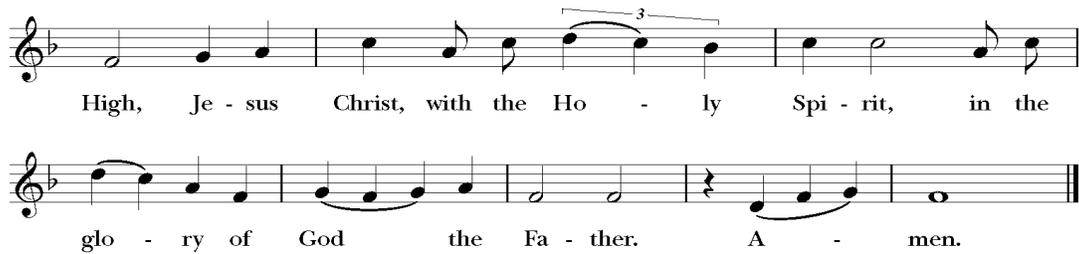
Sung by all.

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

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.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 (*Read responsively*)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;
cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Reader A reading from the first epistle of the Apostle Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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.

Will you come and follow me?

Wonder, Love, and Praise #757

Mary Alexandra

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

The Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**
The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

Sermon

Peg Ruppel

The people stand.

The Affirmation of Faith

Priest and People

**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. 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, **Sue** Jenkins, **Olive** Rivera, **Judy** Conroy, **Doris** Chin, **Jean** Cohn, **Johnetta** Mars-Gibson, **Neville** Barr, **Phyllis** Kramer, **Susan** Mclaughlin, **Amy** Van Dalinda, **Clint** Miller, **Roger** LeCompte 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.

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 **Chirstopher** Gozalez, **Carlos** Montalvan, **Stewart** Williams, **Telfar** Clemens, **Aidan** Douglas, **Feeta** Caphart, **Neil** Blanc, **Rosa** Herlinda Quijada, **Belem** Rodríguez, **Erika** Gallardo, **Yescenia** Villatoro.

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.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All kneel.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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

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

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

Sung by the choir

Harold Friedell

Hymn at the Presentation

Sung by all, standing

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise 1982 Hymnal # 533

Lyons

1 How won - drous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor - ship and vows shall come to thy throne:

O who shall not fear thee, and hon - or thy Name?
thy truth and thy judg - ments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

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 him 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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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; the Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

(8:00 a.m.)

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Fraction Anthem
Taste and see

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

James E. Moore, Jr.

Musical score for the Fraction Anthem. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/8. 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 score ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

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.)

You have come down to the lakeshore

Sung by all.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #758

Pescador

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

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.**

The people stand.

Recessional Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal # 530

Gott sei Dank

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Bolero de Concert

Louis-James LeFebvre-Wely

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Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am Peg Donnellon 10:00 am Chris Ruggeri Anika Lalmansingh	Marcia Noble Roger LeCompte Emmanuel Chukwurah
Prayers of the People	8:00 am Peg Donnellon 10:00 am Avin Lalmansingh	Marcia Noble Betsy Hasegawa
Chalicians	8:00 am Wadai Dennis Sharon Hayden 10:00 am Anika Lalmansingh Avin Lalmansingh	David Burton Edna Leake Christian Nwankwo Swithin Kwamena-Poh
Healing Prayer Ministers	8:00 am Janet King 10:00 am Alex Langley	Marcia Noble Susan McLaughlin
Acolytes	8:00 am Ron Hayden Aidan Douglas 10:00 am Roberta Taylor Aaron Lalmansingh Elise Liberty	Ray Chin Isa Noble Hallie Porter Emmanuel Chukwurah Ethan Liberty
Welcome Team	8:00 am Janet King Frank Sanya 10:00 am Dorett Sutherland Jonathan Black James Black Emmanuel Chukwurah	Florence Sirleaf Janet King Avin Lalmansingh Karl Didavi Clark Didavi Emmanuel Nwankwo
Altar Guild	8:00 am Marcia Noble Danielle Allen 10:00 am Shirley Allen Dotty Pfadenhauer	Wadai Dennis Leslie Sanya Nancy Carman Cynthia Perley
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. Wadai Dennis 10:00 a.m. Georgana Maines Avin Lalmansingh	David Burton Dorett Sutherland Michelle Wood
Flower Delivery	Hawa Clemens Eliane Dunn Johnson	Alice Padmore Luis Pedron
Eucharistic Visitor(s)	Janet King	Peggy Ruppel