



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 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

Prière à Notre-Dame (from Suite Gothique)

Leon Boëllmann

Introit

Sung by the Choir.

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Edwin Hatch

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

Processional Hymn (10:00 a.m.)

Sung by all.

O wondrous type, O vision fair

1982 Hymnal # 137

Wareham

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's 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"

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 243

Carl Haywood

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Hal - le - lu -

6

- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

11

praise your Ho - ly name. 1.Glo-ry to God _ in the high - est and

15

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2.Lord God heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God _and

20

Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, _ we give you thanks, _ we praise you for _ your glo-ry.

25

3.Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God. _ Glo - ry,

29

Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, _ Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu -



- jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4.You take a-way the sin of the world: have
39

mer - cy on us, 5.You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive — our —
44

prayer. 6.For you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are — the Lord,
49

7.You a - lone — are the Most High, Je - sus Christ — with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the
53

glo - ry of — the Fa - ther. Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
57

praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo - ry, Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we
61

praise your Ho ly name. A - - - - - men!

The Collect of the Day

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

Priest and People

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 (*Read responsively*)

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion;
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

Reader A reading from the second epistle of the apostle Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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.

Christ upon the mountain peak

1982 Hymnal #129

Mowsley

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

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 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 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, **Sue** Jenkins, **Olive** Rivera, **Judy** Conroy, **Doris** Chin, **Jean** Cohn, **Johnetta** Mars-Gibson, **Neville** Barr, **Susan** Mclaughlin, **Amy** Van Dalinda, **Clint** Miller, **Roger** LeCompte, **Peg** Ruppel, **José** Ortiz, 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 **Robert** Urey, **Lauren** Hallewa, **Florence** Chukwurah, **Susan** McLaughlin, **Robert** Walker, **Monica** Koenig Caphart, **Fredy** Diaz Martinez, **Bill** Broderick, **Toni** Babcock, and **Antoinette** Babcock.

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 Rector. 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' name we pray. Amen.

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

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.

Celebrant: 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

I Believe this is Jesus

Sung by the choir.

Edisto Island Spiritual, arr. Loonis McGlohon

Hymn at the Presentation

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Sung by all, standing.
1982 Hymnal #7

Ratisbon

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The people kneel or stand; 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 faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

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

Celebrant and People

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.***

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

Lamb of God

(Sung at 10:00 a.m.)

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a quarter note G5. The second staff contains the first line of lyrics. The third staff contains the second line of lyrics. The fourth staff contains the third line of lyrics. The fifth staff contains the fourth line of lyrics. The sixth staff contains the fifth line of lyrics. The seventh staff contains the sixth line of lyrics. The eighth staff ends with a double bar line.

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.)

I want to walk as a child of the light

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal #490

Houston

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

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Sung by all.

1982 Hymnal #135

Salzburg

Dismissal

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

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

Closing Voluntary

Festive Trumpet Tune

Douglas Wagner

PERMISSIONS Section: Communion Title: Come, ye Disconsolate Words: Stanzas 1-2, Thomas Moore (1779-1853); Stanza 3, Thomas Hasting (1784-1872) Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816) Section: Evangelism Title: Make Me a Blessing Words: Ira B. Wilson (1880-1950) Music: George Schuler (1882-1973) Copyright: © 1924 George S. Schuler. Renewed 1952 The Rodeheaver Co. (A div. of WORD, INC.). All Rights Reserved. International Copyright Secured. Used by Permission. Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Copyright: Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing, Inc. Section: Service Music: Sanctus and Benedictus Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord [Sanctus] Meter: CM Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983) The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two is from the Book of Common Prayer © 1979 Church Publishing, Inc. Scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of The Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Worship Leaders

	Today	Next Sunday
Readers	8:00 am Julia Thom 10:00 am Susan Ahalt Ceda Ogada	David Burton Meredith Horan Claire Morin
Prayers of the People	8:00 am Julia Thom 10:00 am Howard Holland	David Burton David Mitchell
Chalicians	8:00 am Wadai Dennis David Burton 10:00 am Margaret Tellu Shirley Allen	David Burton Edna Leake Jake Yalley-Ogunru Winsome Palmer
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 Pete Minderman Ethan Liberty Elise Liberty	Ray Chin Isa Noble Monty Petersen Roberta Taylor Emmanuel Chukwurah
Welcome Team	8:00 am Frank Sanya Janet King 10:00 am Bev Stennett Christine Kroma Josephine Clarke Sciou Broderick	Janet King Florence Sirleaf Dorett Sutherland Jonathan Black James Black Emmanuel Chukwurah
Altar Guild	8:00 am Mardia Dennis Hawa Clemens 10:00 am Shirley Allen Dorett Sutherland Dotty Pfadenhauer	Wadai Dennis Leslie Sanya
Hospitality Angels	8:00 a.m. Wadai Dennis 10:00 a.m. Sarah Gallagher Kristin Fitzpatrick	David Burton Robertine Watson Shirley Allen
Flower Delivery	Esther Sawyer Hawa Clemens	Adoma Baffoe Eliane Dunn Johnson
Eucharistic Visitor(s)	Meredith Horan	Pamella Irons-Forth