



Third Sunday of Easter  
April 19, 2026  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



*Welcome to Ascension! For more information about our community, please take one of our welcome packets from a member of the Welcome Team or the table in the narthex.*

*Please silence your electronic devices.*

*Beginning ten minutes before the service, please help us create a contemplative space by refraining from cell phone use or loud conversation.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

# Opening Voluntary

## Processional Hymn

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

The Hymnal 1982 # 199

*St. Kevin*

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;  
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;  
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.  
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

WELCOME

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*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.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:

*Glory to God in the highest*

The Hymnal 1982 # S278

William Mathias (1934-1992)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
might-y 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 High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

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

*Priest and People*

**O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**THE FIRST READING**

2:14a,36-41

*Reader* A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17**

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me;  
 the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
**I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
**"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."**

How shall I repay the Lord \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
**is the death of his servants.**

O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.**

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
**in the presence of all his people,**

In the courts of the Lord'S house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!**

## THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of the Apostle St. Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

*I love the Lord, he heard my cry*

Lift Every Voice and Sing # 64

*William G. Fisher (1835-1912)*

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

*The people remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Deacon Rosa Briones

*The people stand.*

### 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 truly human. 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 III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for comfort, healing, courage and hope for **TJ M; Susan A; Tana H; Ben H; Brittany B; Eric H; Kenny P; Santos (Baby); Jay B; Adam A; Carol G; Sharon W; Pam N; David N; Hudson M; Lynn S; Marie W; Major C II; Adelaide H-W;** and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, as well as for all those on our extended healing prayer list.

*Extended Prayer List:* Keith W; Jean I; Matt C; Jeanie C; Delita R; Alero N; Barbara H; Kirk D; Jacque (Jackie) H; Barbara G; Barbara N; David P; Barbara M; Bobita J; Christine K; Bruce K.

We pray for peace in the world and for the victims of war everywhere. We also pray for all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially for David H; and all those in harm's way, and their families.

We pray for all those affected by, suffering from, and killed by gun violence throughout our country.

We pray for the well-being of our planet Earth and for all who are affected by and suffering from natural disasters, as well as those who are working to avert the climate crisis, including each of us as we care for God's creation in our own homes and in our own lives.

Altar flowers today are given by:

Nancy Carman, in memory of her husband John H. Carman III  
Betsy Hasegawa, to recognize Stephen Hasegawa's birthday

We give thanks for the recent birthdays of **Kristine B; Eric W; Berta G; Trevor W; Howard H; Don C; Samira O; Nancy F; Linda W; Jennie C.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE PEACE**

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

*People:* And also with you.

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Celebrant*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion and an offering is received to support Ascension's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. Text ASCENSIONMD + Amount to 73256 to give a donation using your text messaging Or scan the QR code*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM:**

*Christ is Arisen*

Hans Leo Hassler



**DOXOLOGY:**


*From all that dwell below the skies*


**The Hymnal 1982 # 380 v3**


*Old 100th*


\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.


## THE HOLY COMMUNION

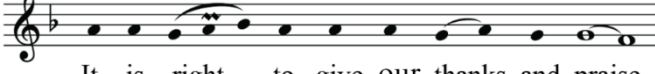
**Celebrant**   
The Lord be with you.

**People**   
And al - so 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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**SANCTUS**  
*Holy, holy, holy*

**The Hymnal 1982 # S 128**  
William Mathias (b. 1934)

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.

*The people kneel or remain standing. 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 for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Christ our Passover*

**The Hymnal 1982 # S154**

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Celebrant*

God's Holy gifts for God's holy people. Come, when you are fearful, to be made new in love. Come, when you are doubtful, to be made strong in faith. Come, when you are regretful, and be made whole in Christ. Come to Christ's table, there is room for all.

*All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion at Church of the Ascension. Please follow the directions of the Priest. Receive the bread in your hands. You may receive the wine by drinking from the chalice or by taking one of the small cups, drinking from it and dropping it into the receptacle. If you wish to receive a blessing, join in the movement to the front of the nave and cross your arms over the front of your chest. After receiving Holy Communion or a blessing, the people are seated.*

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*After receiving communion, the people are seated for the hymn.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Wonder, Love and Praise # 763

*As we gather at your table*

*Raquel*

1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for the Body of Christ, the bread of heaven, and for the offering of Christ's holy presence, the gift of spiritual communion, which feeds us when we must be apart. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become One Body in the sacrament of Christ's Body. Transform our lives with your life, for the love we share becomes bread for the world. AMEN.**

## BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated for the announcements.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*For more information about activities and events coming up at Ascension, please refer to the bulletin insert. At the direction of the Celebrant, the people stand as able, and all sing the hymn.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**The Hymnal 1982# 296**

*We know that Christ is raised*

*Engelberg*



We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. \_\_\_\_\_  
We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. \_\_\_\_\_  
The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. \_\_\_\_\_  
A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows \_\_\_\_\_



Em-braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; \_\_\_\_\_  
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life \_\_\_\_\_  
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. \_\_\_\_\_



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le -  
Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One. \_\_\_\_\_  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: \_\_\_\_\_



lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

***PARTICIPANTS***

The Rev. Javier García Ocampo – *Rector*  
The Rev. Tracey Forfa – *Pastoral Associate*  
The Rev. Rosa Briones – *Deacon*  
Etienne Zhou – *Minister of Music*  
*The Ascension Choir*  
*The Ascension Tech Team*

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Chalicerist – Anika L.  
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Prayers of the People – Lauren K.

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