



Ascension

May 21st ~ 10am

Welcome to all, especially newcomers and visitors. Please introduce yourself to one of our greeters, who will be able to offer you some help in feeling at home.

All the material you will need is in this booklet, and the hymn-book.

About the Holy Eucharist: All are welcome to receive communion with us today!

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

#494 ~ *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Son of God before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him of lords the Lord, who overall doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
crown him the King, to whom is given, the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

Preparing to hear God's Word

The Priest greets the congregation

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

People: **Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Christ is risen.

People: **He is risen indeed.**

Priest: 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation', says the Lord.

Let us pray

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.

People: **Lord Have Mercy.
Christ Have Mercy.
Lord Have Mercy.**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's 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.**

Hearing God's Word

The Collect

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 175

Priest: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

People: **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (Let us read it responsively)

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; ***
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 **Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;**
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; ***
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 **The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,**
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 **Your people found their home in it; ***
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; ***
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.
- 36 **How wonderful is God in his holy places! ***
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The New Testament

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy

when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

#214 ~ *Hail the Day that sees Him Rise*

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, a while to mortals given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene;
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heaven's in thee Alleluia!

Priest sings: the Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor sings:

Those who love me will keep my word,
we will come to them and make our home with them.

People sing: Alleluia as above.

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: and also with you.

The Gospel
Luke 24:44-53

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd. Dr. Paul Dalzell

Responding to the Word of God

Nicene Creed & Intercession

Priest Let us affirm our faith in the Words of the 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 whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who 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.

Intercessions

Priest: Let us pray for the world and for the Church. (*sit or kneel*)

Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP, pg. 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Alan and Carol, our priest Paul, the church vestry, and delegates; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Patricia Connors, John & Charles Wesley, St. Augustine, The Venerable Bead, and John Calvin.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present
I ask your silent prayers for those listed on our weekly prayer list: Elin Babin, David Bell, Paul Brophy, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Janet Dunton, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rick LeClair, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Trudy Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, William Muise, Sara Murray, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Julie Stewart, Meghan Tapley, Walter, and Rachel.

Silence

Leader: Are there others?

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Priest Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

People: Grant that what we have asked in faith,
we may, by your grace receive
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full
assurance of faith, and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

A time of Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a sincere and true
heart.

People: **Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves;
We repent and are sorry for all our sins.
Father forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord**

Priest: Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in
faith + pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal
life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.' Alleluia.

People: **His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us greet one another with the sign of God's peace.

The members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Anthem

Doxology *

1982 Hymnal #380 vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The gifts of the people and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this bread to offer
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation,
through your goodness we have this wine to offer
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.

People: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you Lord God our Father,
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your reign.

People: Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us,
he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
he has been taken from our sight
not to abandon us, but to be our hope
that where he is we may also be
and reign with Him in glory.
Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

And now we thank you
for these gifts of bread and wine;
may we who receive them,
as Jesus said,
share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends, and said,
'Take and eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks.
He shared the cup with them and said,
'This is my blood poured out
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

You have gathered us together
to feed on Christ
and to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Fill us with your Spirit
that we may follow Jesus
in all we do and say,
working for justice and bringing your peace
to this world that you have made.
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: As this broken bread was many grains
which have been gathered together and made one bread

People: so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Jesus Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our Sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" Let all who hear come! Let all who thirst come! Take these gifts knowing that Christ died for you, and now, risen from the dead gives himself to you, and feed on him with all your heart. Come!

This is the Lord's table, and all are welcome here.

Responding to the Eucharist

The following sentence is said.

Jesus says 'Lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age'.

The Priest says the following prayer:

God our Father,
you have raised our humanity in Christ
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Father,**
 we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Send us out in the power of your Spirit
 to live and work to your praise and Glory. Amen.

The announcements are shared

The Priest pronounces the blessing: the People stand

Christ our ascended King pour upon you the abundance of his gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory; and the blessing + of God
almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with
you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Priest: Our worship in Church is over, our worship in the World now begins:
 We go into the world to walk in God's light
 to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.
 Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn

#544 ~ *Jesus shall Reign wher'e the Sun*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretched from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown on his head:
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Announcement

Rev. John's Blogsite

For those who are interested in following Rev. John's journey, please visit his
blogsite: <https://bikepilgrimageusa.blogspot.com/>

Participants in this Service:

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