



The Episcopal  
**Church of the Ascension**

Your Village Church since 1885

*Our Vision: we serve Christ today  
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

**The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday**  
**March 31, 2024**

# The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer. Complete music for the hymns and service music are found in the blue Hymnal 1982, or for hymns 721 – 906 in the green hymnal supplement – Wonder, Love & Praise.

Voluntaries: The Peace May Be Exchanged and Phoenix Processional

Dan Locklair

The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of small bell and sing  
It is an ancient and traditional custom to ring bells throughout this hymn and the first “Gloria” of Easter.

## The Processional Hymn # 207

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen. *People* **The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!**

The Celebrant may say

There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Here is sung*

The Gloria in Excelsis Deo S-278

*William Mathias*

*It is an ancient and traditional custom to ring bells throughout the first "Gloria" of Easter.*

**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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

**Prayer Book page # 222**

*The Celebrant says to the people* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Lessons**

**Prayer Book page # 357**

*The people sit. Two Lessons, as appointed, are read. After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)**

**The Gradual Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Prayer Book page # 761**

*Charles Hubert Hasting Parry*

*Sung in Anglican Chant*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \* his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, \* "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \* and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \* in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \*  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, \* and declare the works of the Lord.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the Lord's doing, \* and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43)**

1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God,  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,

our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest announces the Gospel (John 20:1-18)

*"The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John"*



The people respond *Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.*



After the Gospel, the Reader sings "The Gospel of the Lord" and the people respond *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## The Sermon

*The Very Rev'd Canon Michael A. Bamberger*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*A Bidding begins this portion of the service. Then, all standing, the Celebrant addresses the people*

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

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **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* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

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

*The prayers are led by the Deacon of the Mass.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops and our priests; 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 \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

I invite your own prayers either of intercession or thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored - Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

*The Celebrant will say a concluding collect.*

## The Peace

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## The Holy Communion

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory the choir will sing*

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

*music: Malcomb Archer*

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed upon the Altar and sing the following*

*interlude following v. 2*

Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en\_\_ con - quering Son;  
 Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en\_\_ from the tomb!  
 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life;

5  
 End - less\_\_ is the vic - tory, Thou o'er death hast won!  
 Lov - ing - ly he greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom.  
 Life is\_\_ naught with - out thee; Aid us in our strife.

9  
 An - gels\_\_ in bright fai - ment Rolled the stone a - way.  
 Let\_\_ the\_\_ church with glad - ness Hymns of tri - umph sing.  
 Make us\_\_ more that con - quers, Through thy death - less love;

13  
 Kept the\_\_ fold - ed grave - clothes Where thy\_\_ bod - y lay.  
 For\_\_ the\_\_ Lord now liv - eth; Death hath\_\_ lost its sting!  
 Bring us\_\_ safe through Jor - dan To thy\_\_ home a - bove.

17  
 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en,\_\_ con - quering Son;

21  
 End - less is the vic - tory Thou o'er death hast won!

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-120")*

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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

*Celebrant and People (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-128")*

**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.**

*The people remain standing, or kneel. Then 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* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant* (Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-119")

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Prayer Book page # 364

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*The following Fraction Anthem will be sung first by the cantor and then by congregation*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the Beloved People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

*All are welcome to come forward and receive of this sacrament of Christ's Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing or not receive from the Cup, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind. Ascension has returned to receiving Communion in both kinds. Our parishioners have choices. One option is to continue to receive in one kind. A second option is to receive from the common cup. A third option will be for individuals and households to receive in a small chalice, which will have a small amount of consecrated wine poured into it from the common cruets. Folks may choose to bring from home a glass or cup that holds special significance or to use a small glass which we have available. Please note – the practice of Intinction (where a parishioner dips the bread in the wine) is not permitted under diocesan guidelines.*

*For those viewing on Facebook Live, here is the prayer for spiritual Communion –*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have instituted for us a great sacrament in your promise of life and love, which we remember now as we hear your words again: "This is my body; this is my blood — given for you." Feed us in our hearts with faith and trust, draw us closer to you and to each other, and strengthen us for service to our neighbor. We come before you now, with hearts you have fed all our lives with the promise that you have given yourself for us. Keep us strong in that faith until we can meet at your table again. Amen.

(From ELCA Bishop Ray Erwin)

*During communion the following will be sung*

Ave Verum Corpus

*setting:* Malcomb Archer

*After Communion, the people stand and sing* Hymn 305

ROSEDALE

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,  
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou  
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one  
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;  
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:  
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;  
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in  
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith  
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with  
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.  
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.  
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.  
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Prayer Book page # 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The people then stand and sing **The Final Hymn**

DIADEMATATA



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

*The Celebrant may bless the people.*

**The Easter 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 dismissed with these words*

*Deacon*  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia.

*People*  
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Closing Voluntary: Rondeau Air Fanfare

Jean Joseph Mouret

*Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary. Following the Voluntary, the Regina Coeli will be rung.*

*Latin for "Queen of Heaven," the phrase refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Regina Coeli is also the beginning of a devotion, common in some Anglo-catholic circles, used during the Easter season in place of the Angelus. The customary bell-ringing sequence for Regina Coeli, consists of four sets of two strokes, with pauses between each set, followed by eight peals. The Regina Coeli begins "O Queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia; Because he whom so meetly thou barest, alleluia, Hath arisen, as he promised, alleluia; Pray for us to the Father, alleluia."*

## Flower Offerings

### In Memory of:

The Bamberger Family  
Roger and Debbie Keith  
Claudia Foote  
Jean Rowe  
Walker and Pamela Williams  
Meg and Cameron Cox  
Kathleen Tobin  
Elizabeth Wilson

Brin Owen, Pat & Jack Bamberger  
Departed Loved Ones  
Carl Foote  
Steve Rowe and Steve Bishoff  
Robert and Elizabeth Williams  
Judith and Robert Munro  
Hank Tobin  
Adrienne and Eberle Wilson

### In Thanksgiving:

John and Karen Higgins  
Dorothy Steeves

Matt and Jamie Gorman  
Eric and Laura Steen Mulfinger

John and Lynne Holl

## Music Offerings

Jean Rowe  
Canon Michael and Debbie Bamberger  
Melody Taylor Stark in memory of Bill Stark

Dorothy Steeves

Claudia Foote  
Matt and Jamie Gorman

## What We're About

On behalf of our church family, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Ascension is a special church in the midst of the unique community of Sierra Madre in Southern California.

Sierra Madre is in many respects a village in the midst of a major metropolitan area. While Ascension is the village church, our people come both from “town” and beyond. We are blessed with a beautiful historic building and setting, a vibrant tradition of worship and ministry, an open and inclusive spirit, and most of all, a healthy congregation of younger and older people, single folks and families and even the occasional pet – indeed a rich blend.

Established in 1885, Ascension has a rich history. A wood frame building erected in 1886 was demolished by a windstorm the next year. A new stone building was begun shortly thereafter and continues in use. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The church building suffered major damage in the 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake, and repairs were completed in the following year. The church celebrated its first 125 years a few years ago and has moved into its second century with vigor, enthusiasm and a growing and dedicated congregation from around the San Gabriel Valley area.

We believe God is calling all people into community where we can worship, discover, and use the gifts with which God has endowed us and find healing, spiritual nourishment, and companions in ministry. At Ascension, people truly care for one another in the abundance of Christ's grace, love and mercy. In this spirit, we would love to get to know you.

# Announcements for The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

March 31, 2024

**IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY**, we welcome you in the Name of Christ and invite all persons to share in the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Baptism is the way we acknowledge our fellowship and communion in Christ's Church. If you are interested in being baptized or talking about your baptism, please speak to the Rector – Canon Bamberger.

**ASCENSION WELCOMES CHILDREN** – There are toys in the “Prayground” towards the back of the church and in the side chapel for small children in need of distraction, and a rocking chair for those in need of consolation. And sometimes parents and kids need to feel free to step outside and take a breather! All children are welcome to come forward and receive communion or a blessing.

**AN EASTER BRUNCH** will follow this service in Hawks Hall – All are welcome!

**THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP** will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at El Portal Restaurant - [695 E Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101](https://www.elportalrestaurant.com/). Please RSVP to Ray Smith at [ray@madre.net](mailto:ray@madre.net) or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

**THE MEN'S GROUP MONTHLY LUNCHEON** will meet at noon, Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nano Cafe on Sierra Madre Boulevard. Please RSVP to Father Michael.

**LESSONS NEXT WEEK:** The Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

**WEEKLY SERVICES:** SUNDAY 8:00am & 10:15am, THURSDAY 8:15am.

**LEADERSHIP:** *Rector:* The Very Reverend Canon Michael A. Bamberger, M. Div.;

*Assisting the Rector:* The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski

*Parish Administrator:* Ms. Kim Lumino; *Director of Music and Organist:* Mr. Robert Williamson; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Cameron Cox; *Treasurer:* Mr. Eric Mulfinger;

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