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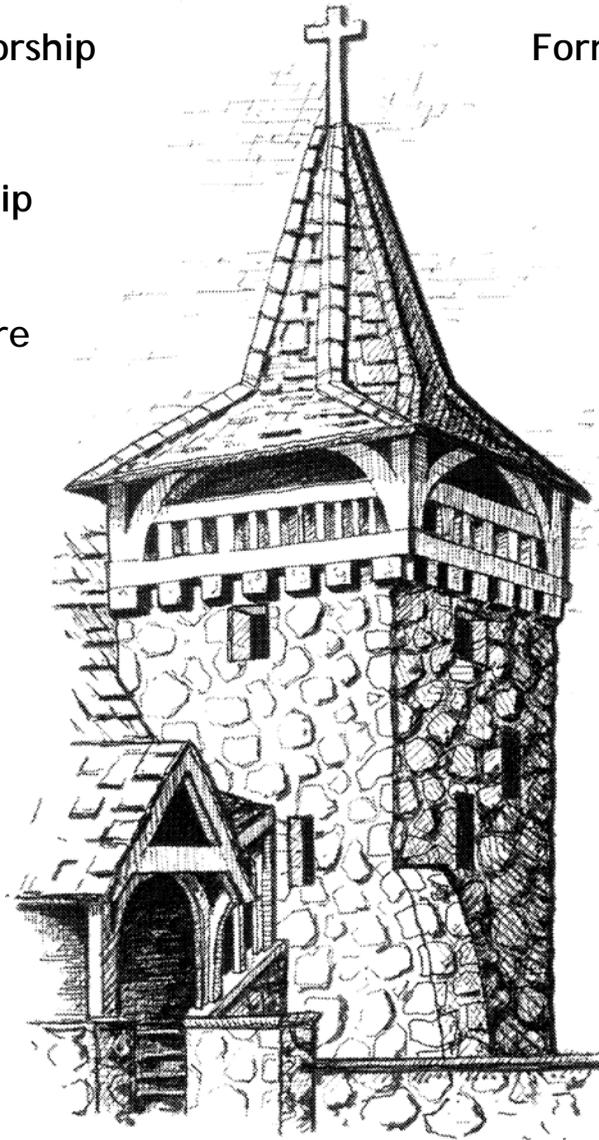
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*Our Vision: We serve Christ today
for those who will come to know and serve Christ tomorrow.*

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

TEN - FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING

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, or for hymns 721 – 906 in the green hymnal supplement – Wonder, Love & Praise.

Voluntary: Prelude on *St. Agnes*

Maurice Whitney

The Great Bell “Bethlehem” sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell and sing

The Processional Hymn No. 390

LOBE DEN HERREN

The Word of God

Prayer Book page # 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The following hymn is sung, all standing (Music is found in the WLP # 900)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heav’nly 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 # 231

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Second Book of Samuel (7:1-14a)

The Gradual Psalm 89:20-37 Tunc locutus est **Prayer Book page # 715**
The congregation will sing the psalm using simplified Anglican chant (Meacham).

- 20 "I have found David my **servant**; * with my holy oil have I a-**nointed him**.
21 My hand will hold him **fast** * and my arm will make him **strong**.
22 No enemy shall de-**ceive him**, * nor any wicked man bring him **down**.
23 I will crush his foes be-**fore him** * and strike down those who **hate him**.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with **him**, * and he shall be victorious through my **Name**.
25 I shall make his dominion ex-**tend** * from the Great Sea to the **River**.
26 He will say to me, 'You are my **Father**, * my God, and the rock of my sal-**vation**.'
27 I will make him my **firstborn** * and higher than the kings of the **earth**.
28 I will keep my love for him for **ever**, * and my covenant will stand firm for **him**.
29 I will establish his line for **ever** * and his throne as the days of **heaven**."
30 "If his children forsake my **law** * and do not walk according to my **judgments**;
31 If they break my **statutes** * and do not keep my com-**mandments**;
32 I will punish their transgressions with a **rod** * and their iniquities with the **lash**;
33 But I will not take my love **from him**, * nor let my faithfulness prove **false**.
34 I will not break my **covenant**, * nor change what has gone out of my **lips**.
35 Once for all I have sworn by my **holiness**: * 'I will not lie to **David**.
36 His line shall endure for **ever** * and his throne as the sun be-**fore me**;
37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the **moon**, * the abiding witness in the **sky**.' "

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2:11-22)

The People stand and sing

The Sequence Hymn No. 11

MORNING HYMN

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (6:30-34, 53-56)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev'd Canon Ed Sniecienski

The Nicene Creed

Prayer Book page # 358

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 man.
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.
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.**

The Prayers of the People

The prayers are led today by the deacon. The deacon and People pray responsively.

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 Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and John and Diane our Bishops,
and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *(The People may add their own petitions)*

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *(The People may add their own thanksgivings)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(The People may add their own petitions)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence may be kept.)*

Leader and People

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Prayer Book page # 361

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture. During the Offertory, the following will be played:

Brother James' Air

arr. Dale Wood

Representatives of the congregation would in non-pandemic times 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 sing the following

The Offertory Hymn No. 57

HELMSLEY

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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a proper preface is sung.)* 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-125")

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: *(Music is found in the Hymnal at "S-135")*

Celebrant and People

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 may be sung
(Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-152”)*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [Alleluia.]

The following Fraction Anthem will be sung (Music is found in the Hymnal at “S-164”)

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *And may add:* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to approach the Communion Station. The Bread is given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

All are welcome to receive of this sacrament of Christ’s Presence or receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. Gluten-free hosts are available – please inform the priest or deacon distributing communion if you would prefer to receive in this kind.

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)

After Communion, the people stand and sing

Hymn No. 343

ST. AGNES

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.

Prayer Book page # 365

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 No. 525

AURELIA

The Celebrant may bless the people. The People are dismissed with these or similar words.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary: Premier Suite: Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

Once the procession has retired from the church, the People are invited to remain for the Voluntary.

The Altar Flowers are given by Rob and Wendy Stockly in thanksgiving for their 18th wedding anniversary.

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.

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

WEEKLY SERVICES: HOLY EUCHARIST: Sundays, 8:00 & 10:15a.m.; Thursdays at 8:15am

BETWEEN THE MASSES - The adult discussion group has resumed meeting in person today in the Parish Hall. The group meets during the hour after the 8:00 am service and the 10:15 am service.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP will gather together at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20th at Matt Denny's Alehouse - 145 E. Huntington Drive, in Arcadia. Please RSVP to Ray Smith at ray@madre.net or Ray's cell phone # 626-233-1035. All are welcome.

THE RECTOR'S FORUM (Thursday, July 22nd 2021 from 9:00-10:00 AM) The current book being looked at is *Love is the Way* by Michael Curry. Available on Amazon. Chapters 7-8 The Forum has resumed meeting in person in the Rector's Office.

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

CELEBRATING THE SAINTS FOR THE COMING WEEK (taken from Holy Women, Holy Men):

7/19 - Macrina of Caesarea (*Monastic and Teacher, 379*) **7/20 – Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman** (*Prophetic witnesses, 1902, 1894, 1883, 1913*) **7/21 – Albert John Luthuli** (*Prophetic witness in South Africa, 1967*) **7/21 - Maria Skobtsoba** (*Monastic and Martyr, 1945*) **7/22 – St. Mary Magdalene** **7/24 – Thomas a Kempis** (*Priest, 1471*)

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

Assisting the Rector: The Reverend Canon Deacon Ed Sniecienski
The Reverend Pastor Joshua McGuffie, M.Div.

Director of Music and Organist: Dr. Debora Huffman; *Minister to Young Persons:* Ms. Jobi McGuffie;
Parish Administrator: Ms. Kim Lumino; *Administrative Coordinator:* Mrs. Jean Rowe; *Altar Guild Director:* Mrs. Lynne Holl; *Senior Warden:* Mr. Gordon Tomaske; *Junior Warden:* Mr. Ray Smith; *Treasurer:* Mr. Dan Hanson;

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