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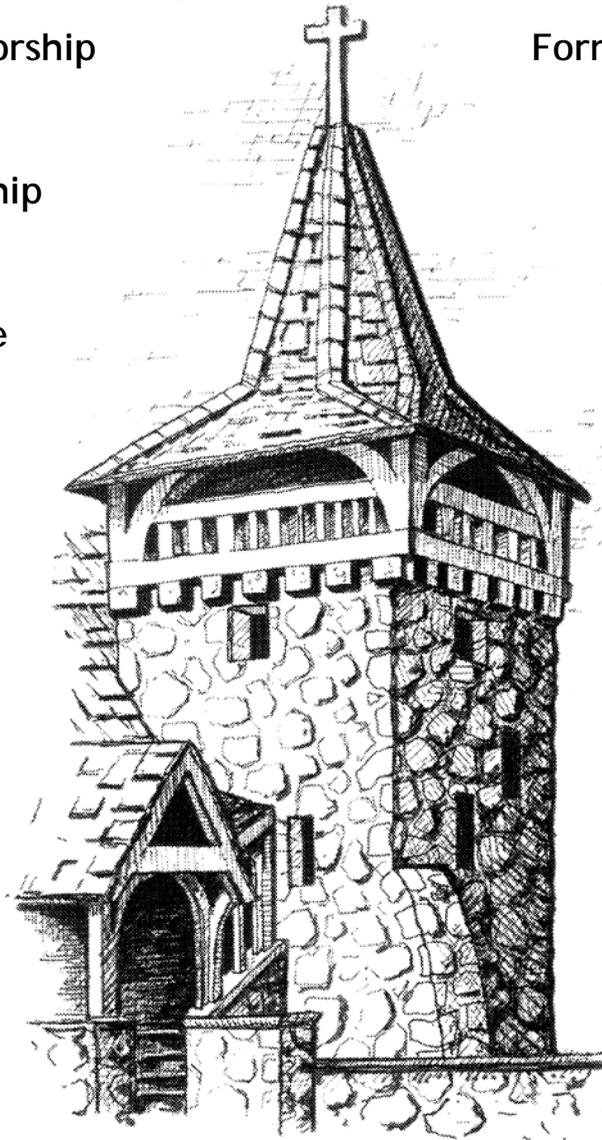
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The Episcopal  
**Church of the Ascension**

Your Village Church Since 1885

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

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 16, 2021**  
TEN-FIFTEEN IN THE MORNING  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

*Prayer Book page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer*

Prelude: Song Without Words, Op. 19, No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn

*The Great Bell "Bethlehem" sounds, calling the community to prayer. The people stand at the sound of the small bell.*

## **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*

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 said, all standing* **The Gloria in Excelsis Deo**

**Glorify 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 # 226**

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

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

## **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 Book of the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
and he is highly exalted.

### **A Reading from *Ephesians 1:15-23***

*Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying*

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 22:44-53***

*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 People stand and say*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP page 326**

**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

Prayer Book page # 392

*The Prayers of the People are led today by the deacon.*

*Deacon:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear us when we pray in the name of your Ascended Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

*People:* **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

*Deacon:* Breathe fresh life into your people.

*People:* **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

*Deacon:* We pray for the world, especially...

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

*People:* **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

*Deacon:* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

*People:* **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

*Deacon:* We pray for this community...

And for all celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially...

*People:* **That all may act with integrity and courage.**

*Deacon:* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

*People:* **May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

*Deacon:* We pray for those in need:

For those who are unemployed or underemployed, especially...

For those who are serving in the armed forces, especially...

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in mind, body or spirit:

For those who are imprisoned, especially...

For those who are ill, especially...

For those who are dying, especially...

*People:* **May they know the power of your healing love.**

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially...

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

*People:* **Father, into your hands we commend them.**

*Deacon:* Give comfort to those who mourn.

*People:* **Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

*Deacon:* We praise you for the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*People:* **May their example inspire and encourage us.**

*Deacon:* We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*People:* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

Ascended Lord, you have not left us, but gone before us into the heavenly glory. Raise these our prayers to heaven, and present them to God in union with your eternal sacrifice, that we may know your divine love in this life and may be one with you in your Godhead in the life to come. **Amen.**

## The Peace

**Prayer Book page # 360**

## The Holy Communion

**Prayer Book page # 361**

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

Communion Anthem:

King of all Ages, Throned on High ~ text ~ 10th century Latin

Paul Isom

*King of all ages, throned on high,  
Yet Saviour too of those with faith,  
Death at your onslaught died in fear  
And grace triumphant rules supreme.*

*Risen from death, the heav'nly Christ  
Receives from God the Father's hand  
Power over all created things:  
A gift he could not know on earth.*

*Then at your coming on the clouds  
With shining strength to be our judge,  
Cancel the debt we owe you still,  
Give back the glory we have lost.*

*Glory to you, O Christ our Lord,  
Exalted far beyond our sight,  
Reigning for evermore,  
With Father and with Paraclete.*

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

**Prayer Book page # 361**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious

resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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 stand 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*

**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*

**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 said*

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

*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.

*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, 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.*

*The Bread is 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.]

*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 choir then sings the*

**Final Hymn:** #218, *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

*DEO GRACIAS*

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia. **People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Postlude: Voluntary IX in G Major*

*John Stanley*

# Announcements for The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Feast of the Ascension)

May 16, 2021

**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 wish to discuss your faith journey, please speak to the Rector, Canon Bamberger.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***SPECIAL NOTE*** : *Beginning next Sunday, May 23, 2021, we will resume indoor worship for both services. Both will be live streamed on Face Book. Be assured that CDC, LA County, and Diocesan Covid -19 re-opening protocols are in place. Please remember to wear your mask and observe social distancing regardless of your vaccine status. Children 5 years and older attending church are required to wear masks.*

Zoom Rector's Forum is held Thursday mornings at 9:00 am. Contact Deacon Ed for Zoom information.

The 2021 Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 17, 2021.

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