The Holy Eucharist

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The Church of the Ascension

The Twenty-Third

Sunday after Pentecost The Church of the Ascension

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ORDER OF SERVICE

A warm welcome to all! Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom for the duration of this service.

The Ringing of the Bells

ORGAN PRELUDE

All are invited to stand



We will sing vs 1-4



CelebrantBlessed be the one, holy, and living God.PeopleGlory to God for ever and ever.

The Celebrant and People together

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 Savior. Amen





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading | Revelation 7:9-17

Read in German Joachim Zeller

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God

Psalm | Benedicam Dominum 34:1-10,22

Led by Jes Villa

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; * let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

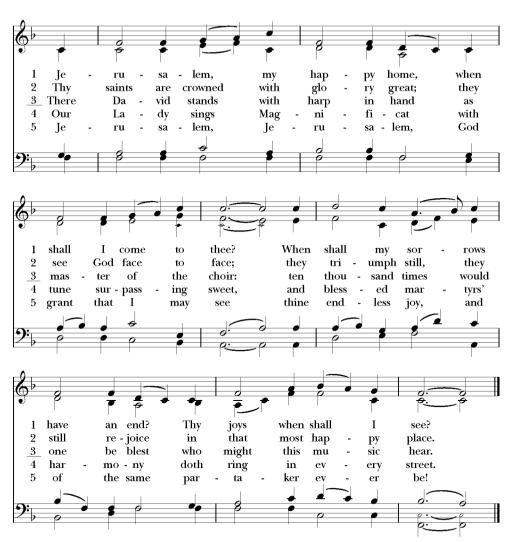
22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading | John 3:1-3

Read by Jes Villa

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God



We will sing vs 1,2,4 & 5

The Gospel | Matthew 5:1-12

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

Silence may be kept.

All are invited to stand

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almightv. 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

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Bless Mark our bishop and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy;

all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

Lord, in your mercy *All* hear our prayer.

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

Lord in your mercy *All* Hear our prayer.

Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy *All* Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power, be to our God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence

Celebrant

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

General Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

The Celebrant and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,

an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2



Offertory Anthem My heart is filled with thankfulness



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The Great Thanksgiving

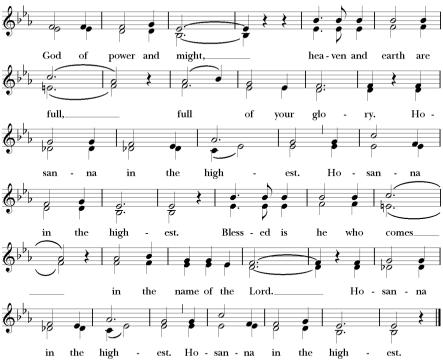
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from "Deutsche Messe") Hymnal S130





The Celebrant continues

We thank you that on the night before he died for us

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Celebrant and People Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

Celebrant

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

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. Vater unser im Himmel geheiligt werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.

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Celebrant and People

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- We maintain a system of one-way flows. Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you to move forward up the center aisle.
- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- After receiving the bread, the chalice will be offered. Following convocation guidelines, intinction (dipping) is not allowed. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may touch the chalice as a sign of reverence, stop and bow to the chalice, or simply return to your seat down the side aisle.

Communion Anthem

(Feel free to remain seated during the Communion Hymn.)

Communion Hymn | Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymn 324



The Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen. Closing Hymn | Ye watches and ye holy ones Hymn 618 Unison 6⊧⁵⊧ ο bright 1 Ye watch - ers and ho - ly ones, ser-aphs, cher - u ve 2 0 high - er than the cher - u bim, more glo-rious than the 3 Re spond, ye souls in end-less pa - tri - archs and rest, ye 4 0 friends, in glad-ness let per - nal an - thems us sing, su o 0 0 Harmony Unison bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le lu ia! Cry prais lead their Thou phim, Al-le-lu ia! ser - a es, -Al - le lu al - le - lu Ye pro - phets blest, ia, ia! al-le-Al -lu ia! То ech - o ing, le ia, lu Ð o 0 0 out, do - min - ions, prince-doms, powers, vir tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' bear-er of the e-ter - nal Word, most gra-cious, mag - ni - fy the ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um-phant, raise the God the Fa - ther, God God the Spi-rit, Three in the Son, and Harmony ο Ż choirs, Al - le ia, al le ia, al - le -lu lu Lord, Al - le lu ia, al le lu ia, al - le -_ song, Al - le al - le al - le -lu ia, lu ia, -_ - le One, Al - le lu ia, al - le lu ia, al **9:** p p

The Sending and Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.*

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

Organ Postlude