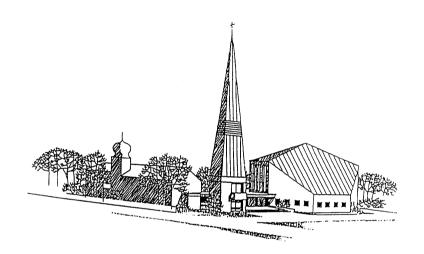
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The Church of the Ascension

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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September 10, 2023 12.00 p.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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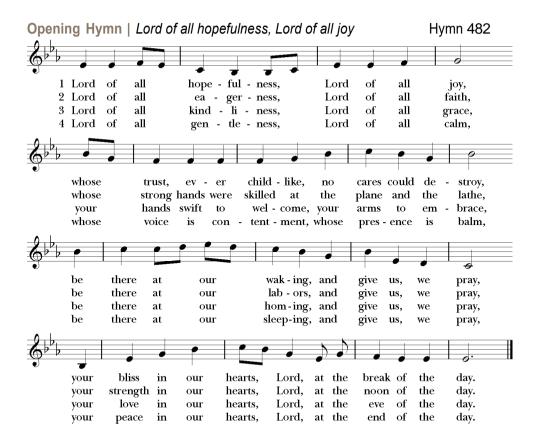
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for the duration of this service.

The Ringing of the Bells

ORGAN PRELUDE

All are invited to stand



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

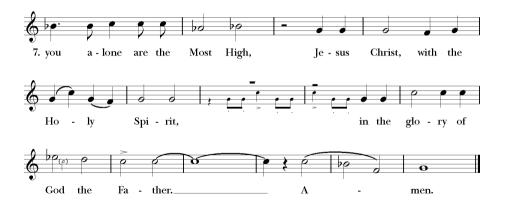
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Glory to God | Hymn S278





The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

Read in German by Lena Petri

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm 119:33-40

Led by Janet Day-Strehlow

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, * and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; * I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, * for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees * and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; * give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, * which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, * because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; * in your righteousness preserve my life.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God



The Gospel | Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise 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 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
Fathertrue 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

Led by Sue Morris

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayerGuide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And 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

Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Anthem Psalm 149

C.V. Stanford



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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 God thanks and praise.

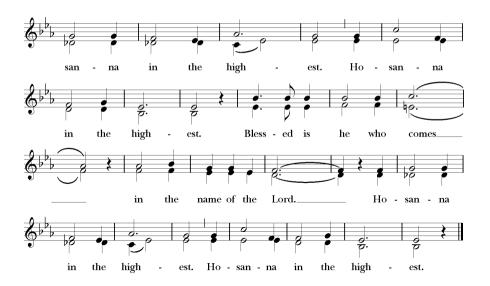
The celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almightv. Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





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.

Celebrant

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 forever. *Amen*.

The celebrant continues

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,

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.

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 All things bright and beautiful

J. Rutter

(Feel free to remain seated during the Communion Hymn)

Communion Hymn | All creatures of our God and King



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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



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.*

Priest: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

Please join us in the Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) following the worship service for refreshments.

Ascension Announcements

For September 10, 2023

What the Ladybird Heard.

On Sunday 10th September we invite all children ten and under to join the Sunday school (during the service), and find out what it was the Ladybird heard and how her cool plan saved the prize cow.

Kindergarten age children will need to be accompanied by an adult. After the service, in church, there will be a brief meeting for parents of Sunday School children and all interested adults to discuss our plans for the next term. Any questions? Contact Ali revaligray@ascension-munich.com

First Youth Group Meeting, September 17th

Meet at the church entrance at 12 p.m.

REGATHERING SUNDAY - SAVE THE DATE! SEPT. 17TH, 2023

It is a great thing to remember that God is active in our church, transforming us through the power of the Holy Spirit! The vestry, wardens and clergy want to celebrate all of God's work in our midst with you! Join us for the Regathering Sunday Celebration this year will take place on September 17th. Representatives from all of our ministries will be on hand to share information about their groups and showcase service opportunities and ways to support their work. Light finger foods will be served alongside our normal coffee and kuchen. Please mark this day on your calendar and join us for a time of celebration and praise for all that God is doing in the many ministries of our church

ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE - FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Have you made a financial commitment to Church of the Ascension for 2023? If not, here is your chance to respond with gratitude for the many blessings in your life and make a commitment of financial support for the rest of the year. Pledge cards are available in the narthex (foyer). Please take one and turn it into the office or into the offering plate. We receive no money from the state or any other external body, depending solely on the generous support of our members and friends. If you are not yet a

committed financial supporter of the church, we ask you to prayerfully consider giving to God and God's church.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

The dates for the next three months are: Tuesday, 12 September; 17 October; 21 November. For more information contact George Battrick, gwb@muc.de

OUR THRIVING COMMUNITY - DIRECTORY UPDATE

Recognizing that the Church of the Ascension community is changing, and what a blessing that is, the Vestry has decided to update the Parish Directory. We wish to refresh the information provided back in 2021 and include all our new members. An email was sent out to those on the current email list. Only if you have not received an email, please click on the QR code below to access the link. As a final opportunity, we kindly ask **everyone** to provide the information requested, as well as your consent to include it in the directory, by the end of the day **today**, 10th September.



For those who have any issues with the link please contact office@ascension-munich.com

For those who have no possibility of using a QR code, there will be a few paper copies on the Ushers' table. Thank you for your support.

ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF HOLY CROSS DAY - 14 SEPTEMBER

According to Christian tradition, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was then built at the site of the discovery. The event is celebrated as a feast, particularly in Orthodox churches, on 14 September. This year the Coptic (Egyptian) church of St Mina (Josephsburgstr 24, Berg am Laim: U2 or tram 21) will host ecumenical guests at their devotional

service at 18:00, to be followed by a panel discussion on the role of the Cross in Coptic practice and in current German debates (mountain peaks, classrooms...) and then refreshments with Egyptian specialities. Please register with oekumene@eomuc.de if you plan to attend or contact George Battrick for further details.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Please check the following links for more details on:

CAEGG (Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany)

Defending Democracy: the role of the churches in the democratic process, especially within the EU https://www.ascension-munich.org/caegg

COW DOWN (Viehscheid) in Immenstadt

An opportunity to spend some time together in the countryside and visit the Viehscheid (a.k.a. Almabtrieb, a.k.a. "Cow Down") at Immenstadt in the Allgäu, 150 km from Munich.

https://www.ascension-munich.org/cow-down

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

In order to promote clarity and streamline communications we have developed new guidelines for parish announcements. You can find them here: https://www.ascension-munich.org/our-policies

CONVOCATION CYCLE OF PRAYER

Christ Church, Charleroi; Saint-Esprit, Mons, Saint-Servais, Namur, Belgium The Rev. Sunny Hallanan, Vicar http://www.tec-europe.org/

WORSHIP

Calling for Volunteers

Would you like to get more involved at church? We really need volunteers to help out with Altar Guild, Ushers/Greeters and the Tech Team. If you are interested, or if you want more information, please contact

Carol Forrester for Altar Guild: carol.forrester@web.de

Mary Wulf for *Ushers/Greeters*: mary.wulf1@googlemail.com Steve Knowles for *Tech Team*: stephen.knowles@gmx.de

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Please check the online calendar for all services and events

Sep 10	Sunday School
Sep 12	Men's Night Out
Sep 14	Ecumenical Celebration of Holy Cross Day
Sep 16	"Cow Down" (Viehscheid) in Immenstadt
Sep 17	Regathering Sunday
Sep 23	Mikado, Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) 19.30
Sep 24	Mikado, Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) 14:30

RECURRING EVENTS

Sundays, 12.00 p.m.	Sunday Service with Holy Communion
	[In-person and Zoom] Meeting ID: 981 4626 5752, Passcode: 81545
Tuesdays, 8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer, followed by Morning Coffee
	Meeting ID: 962 1336 7534, Passcode: 614400
Thursdays, 8.00 p.m.	Compline, room opens at 7:45 p.m.
	Meeting ID: 956 2921 7065, Passcode: 613701

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

Emmauskirche, Laurinplatz, 81545 Munich-Harlaching

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and Online)

Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by 9:10 a.m. Morning Coffee (Both online)

Thursdays

8:00 p.m. Compline, room is open at 7:45 p.m. (Online)

In a pastoral emergency, please contact the Reverend Dan Morrow at +49 (1515) 330-8266 or revdanmorrow@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joachim Zeller safeguardingofficer@ascension-munich.com or +49 162 607 4384

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ST. BONIFACE, AUGSBURG

(Meets in the Evangelisch-Lutherische Auferstehungskirche, Garmischer Str. 2a) 4:30 p.m. Church Service every Sunday | Website: www.stboniface.de

ST. JAMES THE LESS, NUREMBERG

(Meets in St. Jakob Kirche, Jakobsplatz 1)

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month) | Website: saintjames.info

For all other congregations of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe see here