



ASCENSION day

May 9, 2024

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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The Prelude

The Welcome

The Processional Hymn

“Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!”

H #214

Please stand as you are comfortable.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Gloria

S #278

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven-ly King, al- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



**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 Sovereign over all the earth.**

- 3 The Lord subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 The Lord chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of the beloved Jacob.
- 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 Sovereign, sing praises.
- 7 For God is Sovereign of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon heaven's 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 God is highly exalted.

Lathrop, Gordon; Ramshaw, Gail. Psalter for the Christian People: An Inclusive Language ReVision of the Psalter of the Book of Common Prayer 1979 (Pueblo Books) (p. 154). Liturgical Press. Kindle Edition.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

"See the conqueror mounts in triumph"

H #215

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am

sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Rev. Allan Wallace

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Everyone:

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,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Christ has ascended high that he might fill all things: Listen to our prayers, O God, as we proclaim the riches of your glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of your power for us who believe, saying, Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

O Gracious God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give to your Church a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you, that we may be your witnesses to the ends of the earth. We pray for Jennifer, our Bishop, Allan, our Priest, Bishop Mauricio Andrade and the people of our Companion Diocese of Brasilia, the people of the Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre's in Mithon, our ministry partners in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. Philips, Indianapolis, The Rev. Michelle Roos, and for all priests and deacons, and all those in positions of leadership. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

You reign over the nations, and the rulers of the earth belong to you: Put your power to work among those who hold authority throughout the world, that they may establish your peace and reconciliation among all people. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Cover the earth with your grace, O Compassionate One, that all who suffer from any threat or oppression may know the power of your goodness. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Fill our community with your blessing, O Loving One, that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may know the hope to which you have called us. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Receive our prayers, dear God, for all for whom we are called to pray, especially Barry Vernia, Christine Alm, Susan Walker, Madonna Sappenfield, Ravi Herndon, Jeff Franklin, Cathy Sterrett, Tim Welliver, Melanie Craddock, Dorothy Krebs Sarro, Jerry Amend, Virginia Pontrich, and Gordon Anderson. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

You raised Christ from the dead and seated him at your right hand: Receive into your divine dwelling those who have died. Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

Presider:

Wonderful and Everliving God, your Christ reigns far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named: Put all things under Christ's feet and fill the earth with the fullness of him who fills all in all, through the power of your Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Wright, Andrew R.. Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship: Year B (pp. 245-246). Church Publishing Incorporated. Kindle Edition.

Presider:

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 shout with joy:

The Sanctus

#S 128

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,
Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho-san-na in the
high-est. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

You may stand, kneel, or sit as is your custom.

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. 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:

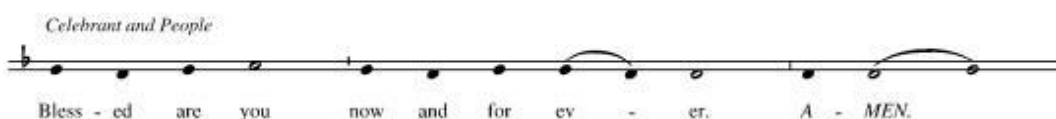
Everyone: Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

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 blessed St. Paul and 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.



The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Everyone: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

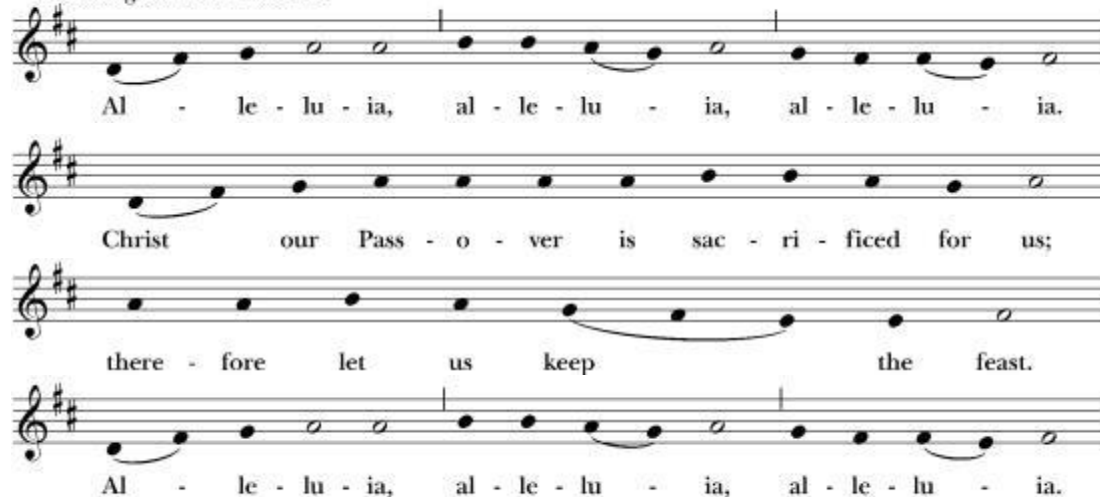
The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

"Agnus Dei"

S #154

This setting is not used in Lent.



Music: From New Plainsong; David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

All are welcome to receive the gifts from God's table. To receive you may come up to the altar rail and kneel or stand. If you are unable to go to the altar, you may come up the center aisle by the piano or remain seated in the pew and let the usher know. Once complete at the rail, the gifts will be brought to you.

***Please note:** *If you desire to receive wine, please sip from the cup, placing your hand at the bottom of the cup guiding it to your lips. [We do not practice intinction (partially dipping bread into the wine) as studies have proven this is less sanitary than sipping].*

You fully participate in Communion whether you receive bread only or both bread and wine. If you wish not to receive wine, you may simply return to your pew after receiving the bread or cross your arms over your chest as the chalice passes.

If you desire not to partake, you may come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and we will offer a blessing or prayer.

**Gluten free wafers are available, just let the server know that is your preference or need.*

The Prayer of Spiritual Reception

For those who are worshipping online and unable to receive Holy Communion.

Leader and People Streaming:

In Union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Hymn

“Let us break bread together on our knees”

H #325

The Post-Communion Prayer

You may stand, kneel, or sit as you are comfortable.

Presider: Let us pray.

**Everyone: Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Please stand, as you are comfortable.

Presider will offer a blessing.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun”

H #544

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Postlude

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Ministry Role	This Week's Ministry Team Easter 6, May 5	Next Week's Ministry Team Easter 7, May 12
Presider:	The Rev. Allan Wallace, Rector	The Rev. Allan Wallace, Rector
1 st Reader:	Bob Streepey	Monica & Xavier Mitchell
2 nd Reader:	Kathy Streepey	Beckett Hartz
Intercessor:	Marie O'Neil	Shelley Dewig and Xavier Smith
Crucifer:	Fran Fach	Brandon Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Bill Summers Cindy Fischer	Diane Schroeder David Campbell
Audio/Visual:	Jon O'Neil	Dennis Fach
Organist:	Barbara Ellis	Theresa Bauer
Usher(s):	Karen Smith and Marie O'Neil	Christy Anderson and Karen Smith
Altar Guild:	Brandon Johnson	Brandon Johnson
Teller:	Tuesday, May 7: Cindy Wood	Tuesday, May 14: Susan Maguire
Coffee & Conversation	Cinco de Mayo & May Birthday Party	Mother's Day Brunch and Cookout



Thurs., May 9:	Ascension Day Bell Choir	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany Church
Fri., May 10:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 5	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sat., May 11:	St. Paul's Hikes FINAL Hike	10:00 am	Parish House & Ohio River Greenway
Sun., May 12:	Seventh Sunday of Easter Choir Rehearsal	8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00-9:50 am	St. Paul's, New Albany Choir Room
Mother's Day	Brunch and Cookout	11:15 am	Carriage House
Wed., May 15:	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc" Choir Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Carriage House Choir Room
Fri., May 17:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 7	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sat., May 18:	Pet Food Pantry	9:30-11:00 am	Carriage House
Sun., May 19: UPDATED TIME	Pentecost Choir Rehearsal Coffee & Conversation Integrity Talk	8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:15-9:50 am 11:15 am 7:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany Choir Room Carriage House TBD
Mon., May 20:	Vestry Meeting	7:00 pm	Parish House Parlor
Wed., May 22:	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc" Choir Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Carriage House Choir Room
Fri., May 24:	Shepherd's Kitchen Team 8	6:00-7:00 pm	Carriage House
Sun., May 26:	First Sunday After Pentecost	8:00 am & 10:00 am	St. Paul's, New Albany
Wed., May 29:	Shepherd's Kitchen "Uplift Them, Inc" Choir Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Carriage House Choir Room
Fri., May 31:	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Shepherd's Kitchen Team 1	6:00 pm 6:00-7:00 pm	St. Paul's, New Albany Carriage House

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