

JUNE 9, 2024

9:00 A.M.

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DEDICATION OF OUR RENEWED & EXPANDED BUILDINGS



TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrants

The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Millard, Rector
The Rev. Wes Williams, Curate

Preacher

The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Millard, Rector

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Andrea Millard
Director of Prayer Ministry & Leadership Development

Additional Bread Bearer

The Ven. Dr. Mark Stevenson, Parish Deacon

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Attention Parents

Room 105 is available for nursing mothers.
Our nursery is available 15 mins prior to the service for infants – 3 yrs
(Rooms 101 & 102). Parents who would like them to receive
Communion are invited to pick them up at the Peace.
After the Children's Talk, children 4 yrs – 5th grade may process to our
Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel (Hunt Rooms).
They will be brought back after the Peace.

THE
THIRD
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AT

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*A Worshipping Community;
Equipping God's People;
Sharing Christ's Healing with a Broken World*

THE ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE PRELUDE

“Your Labor Is Not in Vain”

by Wendell Kimbrough,
Paul Zach and Isaac Wardell

1) Your labor is not in vain
though the ground underneath you is cursed and stained.
Your planting and reaping are never the same.
Your labor is not in vain.

2) Your labor is not unknown
though the rocks, they cry out, and the sea, it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home.
Your labor is not unknown.

Refrain I am with you, I am with you.
 I am with you, I am with you.
 For I have called you, called you by name.
 Your labor is not in vain.

3) The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
the fields will sing out and rejoice in the truth,
for all that is old will at last be made new.
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit. *Refrain*

4) The houses you labor to build
will finally with laughter and joy be filled.
The serpent that hurts and destroys shall be killed,
and all that is broken be healed. *Refrain*

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THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The Celebrant prays

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE TRISAGION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
<i>People</i>	Have mercy upon us.

Please join in singing.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Words: Joachim Neander
Music: Lobe den Herren

1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Continued

2) Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4) Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the “Amen” sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

“Let Us Be Known by Our Love”

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1) Let us be known by our love;
in every word, in every deed, honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye;
let us be known by our love.

Refrain For the glory of the Father,
 for the glory of the Son,
 for the glory of the Spirit,
 let us be known by our love.

2) Let us be known by our joy;
in every home, in every heart, sing to the Lord.
Let our life show goodness and hope;
let us be known by our joy.

Refrain

3) Let us be known by our peace;
in every town, in every tribe, Jesus is King.
Let us go forth, heal and restore;
let us be known by our peace.

Refrain

THE CHILDREN’S TALK
The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Millard

Children through 5th grade are invited to come forward. Afterwards, parents may bring infants – age 3 to the nursery (Rooms 101 and 102). Children age 4 – 5th grade are invited to process to our Kids’ Church program in the Children’s Chapel (Hunt Rooms). They will be brought back after the Peace.

The People stand and sing as the Children process.

“The Blessing”

by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes,
Kari Jobe, and Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with your spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your providence, that your Church may joyfully serve you in quiet confidence and godly peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

30 ¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, “Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, “Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?” ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and say the psalm as directed.

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though its waters rage and swell, *
and though the mountains shake at its tempest.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy dwelling place of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her; therefore she shall not be moved. *
God shall help her at the break of day.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar, and the kingdoms are moved, *
but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ O come and behold the works of the LORD, *
what devastations he has brought upon the earth.

⁹ He makes wars to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in the
fire.

¹⁰ “Be still then and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

The People are seated.

THE SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

² ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders

rejected has become the very head of the corner,”⁸ and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 5:14-16

Assisting Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

5 [Jesus said] ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON
The Rev. Cn. Jonathan Millard

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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,
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.**

Please kneel as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Assisting Priest Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

A brief silence will be kept.

Assisting Priest and People

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.**

The Celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

DEDICATION OF OUR RENEWED
AND EXPANDED BUILDINGS

Celebrant

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building of Church of the Ascension 126 years ago, we now give thanks for the work completed on the cleaning and restoration of the Stonework, Stained Glass, Floors, Pews, and Organ, and we dedicate our new expansion.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, be lifted up, you ancient doors;

People **That the King of Glory may come in.**

Celebrant Who is this King of Glory?

People **The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.**

Celebrant Lift up your head, O Gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors!

People **That the King of Glory may come in.**

Celebrant Who is He, the King of Glory?

People **The Lord Almighty, He is the King of Glory.**

Celebrant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, today we give you thanks and praise for your provision and for the work done and soon to be completed. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I dedicate the New Narthex, the Ken & Ethel Bailey Hall, the Ann Paton Contemplation Garden, the Minnie Smith Education Wing, the Carlucci Commons, and the refurbished Offices to Almighty God for the continued building up of the Body of Christ and the mission of the Church. Help us, we pray, always to be a people who are welcoming our neighbors and reaching the nations with the transforming love of God. **Amen.**

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES AS LIVING STONES

Celebrant Choose this day whom you will serve.

People **As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.**

THE PEACE

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

*Parents who would like their infant – 3 year olds to receive Communion
are invited to pick them up at this time.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

The Celebrant says a sentence of Scripture.

OFFERTORY SONG

*The People stand and sing as the offering plates are passed and the Table
is prepared.*

“Cornerstone”

by Edward Mote, Eric Liljero,
Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin, William Bradbury

1) My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus name.

Refrain Christ alone, Cornerstone,
weak made strong in the Saviour’s love;
through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.

2) When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3) His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the ’whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4) When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless stand before the throne. *Refrain*

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The People sing as the tithes and offerings are brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

All sing together

El Shaddai setting

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.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People may kneel or remain standing.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

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 FRACTION

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,
once for all upon the cross.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The Celebrant gives this invitation

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

All sing together

Elohim setting

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

grant us, grant us your peace.

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The People are seated.

All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Inform the Bread Bearer if you need a gluten-free wafer.

Please cup your hands so that the Bread Bearer may place a wine-dipped wafer into your hands.

If for any reason you are not receiving today, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the Minister will know to give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine.

COMMUNION SONGS

“Ready Our Hearts” (Refrain)

by Noel Jabbour and Elise Massa

Ready our hearts, ready our homes, ready a people, prepared.
Ready your church, ready your world!
Ready a people, prepared for the coming of the Lord.

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“Consecrate Us”

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Text: Elise Massa and Stacey Regan

1) Lord, you lavish us with blessing; every season, you provide.
Help us serve as faithful stewards; Holy Spirit, be our guide.
Give us wisdom, give us courage, heart and mind in one accord;
consecrate us as your wineskin as in us new wine is poured.

2) O the stories of the faithful praying for new life to come!
Children now run through our hallways; generations formed in love.
Show us how to bless our neighbor, reaching forth our hands in grace;
consecrate us as your Body, serving Christ in every place.

3) Grant us fervor for your gospel until all the earth proclaims:
“Christ has died, and Christ is risen! Christ our Lord will come again!”
As our souls ignite in worship and your Name is lifted high,
consecrate us as your beacon of the way, the truth, the life!

“O Praise the Name (Anastasis)”

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1) I cast my mind to Calvary,
where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet:
my Savior on that cursed tree.

2) His body bound and drenched in tears,
they laid him down in Joseph’s tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone.
Messiah still, and all alone.

Continued

Refrain O praise the name of the Lord our God!
 O praise his name forevermore!
 For endless days we will sing your praise,
 O Lord, O Lord, our God!

3) Then on the third, at break of dawn,
the Son of Heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King. *Refrain*

4) He shall return in robes of white;
the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints,
my gaze, transfixed, on Jesus' face. *Refrain*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People may stand or kneel.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus
 Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father,
 send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives this blessing

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

Please stand.

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
Please join us after the service downstairs in the New Catacombs
for Hospitality Hour.*

WELCOME!

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