

JUNE 29, 2025
3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 A.M.



TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Kevin Antlitz, Assistant Rector

Preacher

The Rev. Wes Williams, Curate

Assisting Priest

The Rev. Lauren Scharf, Staff Priest

Additional Bread Bearer

The Rev. Regina Hopewell, Deacon

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Attention Parents

Several spaces are available for nursing mothers including:
Room 105 in the education wing (comfortable chairs & video feed of the service), the family restroom close to the reception desk (completely private with nursing chair), and the main entryway in the old narthex (semi-private with comfortable chairs for nursing).

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
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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

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Author Unknown
arr. Paul Zach

1) I am weak but thou art strong;
Jesus keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain Just a closer walk with thee,
 grant it Jesus is my plea.
 Daily walking close to thee:
 let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2) Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*

3) When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *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

Celebrant Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

Please join in singing.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

“The Wonderful Cross”

by Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason,
Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves

1) When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Refrain Oh the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross,
 bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
 Oh the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross:
 all who gather here by grace draw near and bless your name.

3) See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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4) Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

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“Take My Life and Let It Be”

by Frances Ridley Havergal,
Henry Abraham Cesar Malan
arr. Paul Zach

1) Take my life and let it be
consecrated Lord to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2) Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose,
ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

3) Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

4) Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self and I will be
ever only all for thee,
ever only all for thee.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And with your spirit.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and on earth: Put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things that are profitable for us; 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 CHILDREN'S TALK

The Rev. Wes Williams

*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.

“Spirit of the Living God”

by Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

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The People are seated.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:15-21

19 ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please stand and say the psalm as directed.

PSALM 16

- ¹ Preserve me, O God, *
for in you have I put my trust.
- ² O my soul, you have said unto the LORD, *
“You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you.”
- ³ All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth, *
and upon those who excel in virtue.
- ⁴ But those who run after another god *
shall have great trouble.
- ⁵ Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, *
neither make mention of their names with my lips.
- ⁶ The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; *
you shall maintain my lot.
- ⁷ The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁸ I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel; *
my heart also chastens me in the night season.
- ⁹ I have set the LORD always before me; *
he is at my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.
- ¹⁰ Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. *
My flesh also shall rest in hope.

- ¹¹ For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, *
neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.
- ¹² You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness
of joy, *
and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

The People are seated.

THE SECOND READING
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

5 ¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

THE GOSPEL
Luke 9:51-62

Assisting Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

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

9 ⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Assisting Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON
The Rev. Wes Williams

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

<i>Intercessor</i>	Lord, in your mercy
<i>People</i>	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.**

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
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.

“Surely”

by Isaac Wardell, Kate Bluett, Nicholas Chambers,
Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach

Refrain

Surely it is God who saves us.
Surely it is God who saves us.
Trust the Lord, don't be afraid.
He's lifting us up.

1) With joy, with joy, we will draw water from the well,
we will draw water from the well of salvation.

With joy, with joy, he will set a table for us all,
pourin' the wine now let it flow in celebration. *Refrain*

2) And we'll fly, we'll fly through the morning and the night,
through the darkness and the light, to salvation.

Yes, we'll fly, we'll fly, when he makes our darkness bright,
where the bridegroom meets the bride in celebration. *Bridge*

Bridge

Lift up your hearts, lift up your hearts,
lift up your hearts in celebration!
Repeat as directed

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We lift them up to the Lord,
we lift them up to the Lord,
we lift them up in celebration.

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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

Celebrant and People

Murphy setting

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.
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.*

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

“The Wonderful Cross”

by Isaac Watts, Lowell Mason,
Chris Tomlin, and Jesse Reeves

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.

“All I Have Is Christ”

by Jordan Kauflin

1) I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

2) But as I ran my hell-bound race,
indifferent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross;
and I beheld God’s love displayed:
you suffered in my place,
you bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.

Refrain Hallelujah, all I have is Christ.
 Hallelujah, Jesus is my life.

3) Now, Lord, I would be yours alone
and live so all might see
the strength to follow your commands
could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
in any way you choose,
and let my song forever be, “My only boast is you.”

“Amazing Grace”

Words: John Newton, vs. 5 John Rees
Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony*, 1831

- 1) Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
- 2) ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
- 3) The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
- 4) Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
- 5) When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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 in Bailey Hall
for Hospitality Hour.*

WELCOME!

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