

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
ASCENSION

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here, whether you are new to Church of the Ascension or have been here long. Wherever you may be in your spiritual life, we hope that Church of the Ascension can be for you a place of encouragement, healing, and love. To quote our Mission Statement, we are here to enable ourselves to experience God in Christ, to seek and serve Him in others, and to grow towards Christ and proclaim Him to the world.

If today is your first time with us, or you have recently joined our church family and have not filled out a pew card, please find one in front of you to fill out and put in the offering plate. This will help us know how we can get to know you better and understand how to invite you more deeply into our church community's life. Also, if you wish, please make yourself known to one of our clergy or ushers.

All are welcome at Christ's table, and we hope that you experience God in Christ this day!

The hymns marked as "Hymn" refer to the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew rack. *Wonder, Love, and Praise* refers to the green hymnal supplement in the pew rack.



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Large print bulletins are available upon request in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for a large print bulletin. Hearing assistance is available through **AudioFetch**. Download the app on the Apple App Store or GooglePlay.

If you are visiting the Church of the Ascension, please stop by the church's Welcome Counter in the narthex. We have a gift bag for you that includes a copy of the latest church newsletter, plus a few goodies.

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To learn more about Ascension, head to our website at www.knoxvilleascension.org, email info@knoxvilleascension.org, or find us on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, or Instagram.

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost • October 7, 2018 • 10:30 am

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Marshall Bartholomew

De Animals a' Comin'

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 405

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

} BCP 355

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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.

CANTICLE

Hymn S-236

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

} BCP
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Please be seated for the readings. Children ages four through 5th grade follow the cross to children's chapel. Parents of small children are invited to walk their children to chapel until their children are comfortable doing so alone.

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Lector A reading from the Book of Job.

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There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life." So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Bruce Ford Edition

Psalm 26

The choir will introduce the refrain, after which the congregation may join.



from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind. **REFRAIN.**
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *

- I will not sit down with the wicked. **REFRAIN.**
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides. **REFRAIN.**
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes. **REFRAIN.**
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord. **REFRAIN.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

*L*ong ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *All stand*

Hymn 428, verses 1—3

“O All Ye Works of God, Now Come”

THE GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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Gospel Book*
Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 428, verses 4 & 5

“O All Ye Works of God, Now Come”

THE SERMON

The Rev. Patrick J. Wingo

A moment of silent meditation follows

THE NICENE CREED

All 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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 383-393

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Brian, our Bishop, and Pat, Christopher, Sara-Scott, SuZanne, and Larry, our clergy;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for Donald our President, Bill our Governor, Madeline and Glenn, our Mayors, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on N, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give to the departed, especially N, eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

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

All 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Benjamin Britten

Rejoice in the Lamb

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues; give the glory to the Lord, and the Lamb. Nations, and languages, and every Creature, in which is the breath of Life. Let man and beast appear before him, and magnify his name together. Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter, bind a Leopard to the altar, and consecrate his spear to the Lord. Let Ishmael dedicate a Tyger, and give praise for the liberty in which the Lord has let him at large. Let Balaam appear with an Ass, and bless the Lord his people and his creatures for a reward eternal. Let Daniel come forth with a Lion, and praise God with all his might through faith in Christ Jesus. Let Ithamar minister with a Chamois, and bless the name of Him, that cloatheth the naked. Let Jakim with the Satyr bless God in the dance. Let David bless with the Bear—The beginning of victory to the Lord—to the Lord the perfection of excellence—Hallelujah from the heart of God, and from the hand of the artist inimitable, and from the echo of the heavenly harp in sweetness magnificent and mighty.

THE DOXOLOGY

sung to the tune Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B begins on page 367 of The Book of Common Prayer.

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.**

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

Here a Proper Preface is said

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

Hymn S-125



The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

All 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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn S-171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



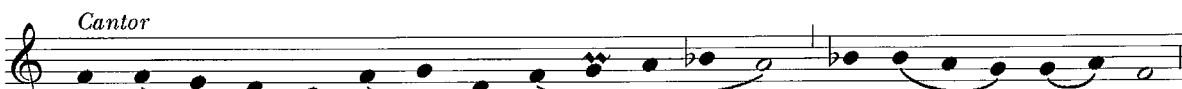
Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Celebrant

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 invited to receive communion by coming forward to the altar rail. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like the sacrament or a blessing brought to you in your pew, please let an usher know. If you would rather not receive communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. At the rail, simply cross your arms across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the rail.

COMMUNION MOTET

John Rutter

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy; and all for thy mercy's sake, O diving master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

“Make me a Channel of Your Peace”



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ Where
 3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. _____ It



there is hat - red let me bring your love; _____ where
 there's des - pair in life let me bring hope; _____ where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, _____ in



there is in - jur - y, your par - don, Lord; _____ and
 there is dark - ness, _____ on - ly light; _____ and
 giv - ing to all men that we re - ceive; _____ and in



where there's doubt, true faith _____ in _____ you. _____ } Oh,
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er _____ joy. _____ }
 dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life. _____ }



mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek _____ so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole; _____ to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand; _____ to be



loved, as to love with all my soul. _____

“Many and Great, O God, are Thy Works”

THE SENDING FORTH

All **In the healing name of Jesus Christ,
and with the compassionate embrace
of the family of the Church of the Ascension,
we send you forth bearing these holy gifts
of our Lord’s spiritual Body and Blood.
We pray that those to whom you go
may experience with us
the mystery of Christ’s presence
through the sharing of the wafer and the cup.
May the one bread and the one wine
call us into awareness
of our unity in the family of Christ.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 656

“Blest are the Pure in Heart”

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Vincent Lübeck

Praeludium und Fuge