



Ascension Sunday
May 17, 2026
10:30 a.m.



The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, *Bishop*
The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson, *Rector*
The Venerable Harry Leip, *Deacon*
The Rev. Stephen Weissman, *Priest Associate*

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Welcome! We are blessed by your presence with us this morning and hope that you will find strength, comfort and fulfillment through our worship. Children are welcome to stay through the service. We welcome all seekers of God to Holy Communion and look forward to meeting you following the service.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

The Hymnal 1982, #216

Hail thee, festival day

Salve festa dies

Refrain

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the

hea - vens to reign. reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the
 3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the
 5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -
 earth and the hea - vens, guard us from
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost

Repeat Refrain
 a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our
 6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her gates un -
 minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

Repeat Refrain

bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Acclamation

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wonder, Love, & Praise, #880

God's Paschal Lamb

Sine Nomine

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore with
 2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain; death has no
 3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead: though Ad - am's

joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for - sak - ing sin, we
 more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through him we die to
 sin had doomed all flesh to die, in Christ's new life shall

share the bread of_ truth. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin and live to_ God. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all be made a - live. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

#880 from *Wonder Love and Praise*

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944).

Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Collect of the Day

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. *Amen.*

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, "People 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 (*St. Helena Psalter*) (Hymnal S415)

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For God Most High is to be feared; *
God is the great Ruler over all the earth.

God subdues the peoples under us *
and the nations under our feet.

God chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

God has gone up with a shout, *
the Holy One with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our sovereign, sing praises.

For God is Sovereign over all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon the holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered to-gether *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
who is highly ex-alted.

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 the churches.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Hymnal 1982, #374

Come, let us join our cheerful songs *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
 2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry "to be ex- alt- ed thus";
 3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re- ceive hon- or and power di- vine;
 4 The whole cre- a- tion joins in one to bless the sa- cred Name



ten thou- sand thou- sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply "for he was slain for us."
 may bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ev- er thine.
 of him that sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of *A Song to the Lamb*. Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*, att. Johann Cruger (1598-1662), alt.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Celtic Alleluia



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.

The Gospel of the Savior.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Celtic Alleluia is sung again

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Paul Jacobson

A period of silent reflection is observed

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 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 for Easter *adapted from Common Worship*

Deacon

Let us pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Intercessor

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations. *Silence*

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and nourish us all with your word. *Silence*

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way. Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life. *Silence*

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd, who gave your life for the sheep, lead the healthy and strong to new pastures. Recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, Desiree, Adrienne, Nan, Bill, Kitty, Nicole, Etta, Helen, Glenda, Thomas, Gloria, Dolores, John, Steven, Julien, Joan, Kevin, David, Betsey, Pat, Ray, Gwen, Charlene, Bruce, and those we now name _____. *Silence*

Jesus, Lord of life,

In your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you. Raise us with them to eternal life. Jesus, Lord of life, *Silence*

In your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

The Presider then bids the Peace.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Lift Every Voice, #64

I Love To Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Words: A. Katherine Hankey (1831-1911). Music: William G. Fisher (1835-1912).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D *Expansive and Inclusive Language*

Celebrant *People*
 May God be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before

you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing

Sanctus

Hymnal S128

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Blest is the One who
comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

During the Easter festival, the people are invited to remain standing. Then the Presider continues

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Presider continues

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with _____) and] all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

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

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.


Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.


A period of silence is kept, after which the following is sung

Presider



Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us:

All




There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)
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As the elements are prepared, the following is sung

Fraction Anthem S-167

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

Cantor

1. The bread which we break, al-le-lu-ia,
is the com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor

2. One bo-dy are we, al-le-lu-ia,
for though man-y we share one bread. [Ant.]

Music: Mode 6 melody; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

Facing the people, the Presider says the following 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.

Communion of the People

As Holy Communion is ending, the People remain seated to sing.

The Hymnal 1982, #620

Jerusalem, my happy home

Land of Rest

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Postcommunion Prayer

*Almighty and everliving God,
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, O God, 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 whom, with you, and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Hymnal 1982, #214

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people who respond "Alleluia, alleluia!"

Postlude



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Notes on the Service for May 17 2026, kept as the Feast of the Ascension

by the Rev. Stephen Weissman

Ascension Day is the Feast which commemorates the risen Christ's ascending into heaven. In the 21st century, rather than picture his floating upward into clouds, modern believers can say that Ascension Day commemorates Christ's leaving time and space to return to eternity. On the church calendar, Ascension Day falls 40 days (including Sundays) after Easter. This year, that was last Thursday, May 14. So that more members of the congregation can attend the Ascension liturgy, some churches observe the Feast on the Sunday following.

Today's collect is from a manuscript from about A.D. 600. It prays God that Christ will remain present to us perpetually, for his ascension implies that he is no longer bound to a particular place and time, as the historic Jesus was situated in Judea in the early decades of the first century. Christ is no longer then and there; Christ is always everywhere.

Today's first reading is the opening paragraph of the Acts of the Apostles, the first written history of the primitive church. The work is dedicated to "Theophilus." That name means God-lover, so we are unsure whether the author is addressing a particular man by that name (such a person is not named anywhere else in the New Testament), or whether Theophilus is a literary device, indicating the book is intended for any person who loves God.

Acts is a sequel to the Gospel according to Luke, so it opens with a summary of Jesus' history which Luke had told in the Gospel. Then, the apostles ask Christ about the restoration of Israel. In asking the question, they must still be supposing that Christ will set up an earthly Kingdom of Israel independent of the Roman Empire. In his response, Christ refuses to forecast a date. He does forecast that the Spirit will baptize them, something which will happen in ten days, at Pentecost. Then Christ ascends. Two men in white ask the apostles why they are gazing up at the sky. A similar question had been put to the women at the empty tomb on Easter morning by two men in white .

Psalm 47 exhorts Gentiles ("peoples") to praise the God of Israel. Originally, the Psalm must have been cheering YaHWeH mounting his throne above Earth, above Gentile kings particularly. Now, in synagogues, it is sung in New Year services. The Christian liturgy appropriates it here to praise the ascended Christ.

That theme of the ascended Christ's ruling over the nations is expanded upon by the Epistle to the Ephesians, probably written soon after Luke and Acts. The author prays that the readers may grasp "the riches of his glorious inheritance among [you] saints..." an inheritance which is theirs because God "raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places..."

The Gospel according to Luke was written by the same hand as wrote the Acts of the Apostles. Today's Gospel passage is the concluding paragraph of Luke's Gospel, where he closes the story of the life of the earthly Jesus with an account of his ascension. This account is shorter than the account which served as today's first reading, but is essentially the same. Those two accounts, and the one in the appendix to Mark, are the only descriptions of the Ascension in the New Testament, although it is presupposed in many New Testament books, notably Ephesians, Hebrews, and Revelation.

Sunday Service Schedule

8:00 AM Rite I - Spoken Eucharist
10:30 AM Rite II with music

Food Ministry Hours

Hot Lunch: Sunday 2-2:30pm
Pantry & Take-out Meal: Tues. 1:30-3pm,
Thurs. 4-5pm
Wednesday Cafe & Conversation: 12-1:30pm

Weekday Service Schedule

Thursday Eucharist at 7:00 AM

Parish Office Hours

Sunday 7am-1pm
Wednesday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8am-Noon



From Father Paul

Dear Ones,

Happy Ascension Day tomorrow!



This whimsical sculpture, on the ceiling of the Chapel of the Ascension of Christ in the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in England, represents the end of Luke's story of Christ ascending into heaven. In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Uri Gagārin, became the "first man in space." He is reported to have said that, as he orbited the earth, he looked for God but could not find him.

The story of the Ascension is portrayed using imagery of what was then understood about human existence and a cosmology from a very different era – where heaven was ‘up’ and you could fall off the edge of the world. The disciples recognized the resurrected Jesus when they saw him after his resurrection; he was not a ghost and he could be touched. But just as Uri Gagārin was unable to discover heaven in space, so the Ascension cannot be simply understood in terms of the physical constraints of human existence. The Ascension of Jesus transforms the whole cosmos with his presence just as the body of Jesus was transfigured on earth; as Saint Paul says, “He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.” (Ephesians 4:10).

Just as Thomas saw the marks of the crucifixion in Jesus’ resurrected body, so we, too, can have confidence that our own woundedness will be caught up by the Risen Christ who forever intercedes for us at God’s right hand. This is the hope in which we live – the hope of our glory, which is life in all its fullness because God loves us so much.

But, before that time comes, we are called to attend to wounded people and a wounded planet. As you know, Saturday the 16th marks the first anniversary of the **EF3 Tornado** that plowed a path of destruction more than twenty miles long from Clayton through North St. Louis. Each of us has our own stories of that day and the days that followed. As I mentioned on Sunday, we continue to pray for the souls, and the families, of those who died that day.

Juan Baltazar, 48
Deloris Holmes, 70
Rena Lyles, 60
Larry Patrick, 78
Pat Penelton, 75

While many of us, including Trinity, have had the resources to repair and move on, many of our neighbors have not. Follow this link <https://tornadorecovery.stl.gov/how-to-donate-to-recovery/> to find opportunities to help. There are three scheduled clean-up days in Academy/Sherman Park, our very near neighbors, whose boundaries are Dr. Martin Luther King Drive on the north, Delmar Boulevard on the south, North Kingshighway Boulevard on the east, and Union Boulevard on the west.

On Saturday from 9-1, there will be a **1 Year Tornado Anniversary Giveback Event in Fountain Park**. I’m planning to attend and invite you to join me. Let’s meet at Trinity at 11:30 and walk up to Fountain Park.

Keep on feasting,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Peter' written in a cursive style.



We will have a festive Pentecost coffee hour on Sunday, May 24th, with strawberries and fixings served in the South Parish Hall after both services. A small team of parishioners is needed to hull, slice, and wash the berries on Saturday, May 23rd at 10am, also in the South Parish Hall. Please text Anne Trolard at 314-280-0434 if you can help with these preparations!

Pentecost Readers Needed

If you speak a non-English language and would like to help read on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, at the 10:30am service, please sign up on the whiteboard near the entry into the church or email Deacon Harry (harry@trinitycwe.org) (<mailto:harry@trinitycwe.org>)



Project Rainfall

The rainy season is here for a while, so we are collecting slightly used raincoats, umbrellas and ponchos. Please place your donations in the baskets at the rear of the church, along with donated food. They will be distributed to members of our community who need protection from the elements.

Little things are often more important than you can imagine.

Thank you,
Adam Turner, Intern
Eden Seminary, Contextual Education

TRINITY FOOD MINISTRY

Statistics for Week ending 5/10

Pantry 135 individuals in 56 families (10 new families)
Wednesday Cafe 19
Sunday Lunch 33
Spring Clothing Event with St. Peter's : Tuesday 43.
Thursday 41.

Needed For Pantry

Canned Fruit (peaches & mixed)
Jelly (grape and strawberry)
Ramen (chicken, beef or pork)
Cooking oil (small bottle)
Cereal (honey oats, corn flakes, Chex)

Friends and Family at Trinity,

This week, it's a briefer-than-usual note about what's happening at TFM. We continue to welcome new families to the Pantry. Wednesday Café has grown into a wonderful community that gathers to enjoy fellowship and freshly prepared healthy food. If you're free on Wednesday between 12-1:30, come join us. We also hosted the Annual Clothing Event, fully supplied and staffed by the good folks at St. Peter's, Ladue. It was rainy on Tuesday, so they pivoted from the parking lot to the North Parish Hall, offering clothes and shoes to 80+ members of our community.

All this happens because of our superb volunteers! My wife Claire and I are particularly grateful for their dedication, especially as our youngest son Michael is battling multiple myeloma and renal disease, which results in more tasks in our house and his, with his four cats. Your support and prayers are deeply appreciated.

- Chuck

Evensong for The Feast of Pentecost
Monday, May 25, 5:00 PM @Christ Church Cathedral



Join us for our Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral for the Feast of Pentecost featuring two world premiere compositions featuring Christ Church's Evening Service by Thomas Yonke, *Salvum fac me*, *Deus* by Daniel Pollien. Generous reception by the St. Martha's Guild to follow.



This Week's Core Value: A Place to Belong and Create

Trinity is a community of refuge, creativity and belonging, inspired by the Spirit, where all sorts and conditions of people can know and be known.



May 17: The Seventh Sunday of Easter

In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Faith Christian Church of India (2018) in Ballwin and Clive & Susanna their Priests.

- In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for The Episcopal Cathedral School.
- In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
- In the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, we pray for our chaplains, military members, their families, and for those serving in Ohio—at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base, the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard, the

178th Wing Air National Guard, Federal Correctional Institution Elkton, and the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center.

We keep in our prayers those who are ill or in need:

Desiree Bratton
Adrienne Fly
Nan Sweet
Bill Mayhan
Katherine "Kitty" Drescher
Nicole Adams
Etta Taylor
Helen Hendry
Glenda Wiman
Thomas Kirk
Gloria Winston
Dolores Friesen
John Biggs
Steven Forsyth
Julien Worland
Joan Dunbar
The Rev. David K. Fly
Betsey Gardner
Pat Way
Ray Becvar
Gwen Sims
Charlene Wright
Bruce Baldwin

Friends and Relatives:

Bill Anderson, friend of Ed Riedel & Deacon Harry
Treyvon and his parents.
Denise Huber, friend of Jerry Martin, recurring cancer.
Teri Smith-Jones, former parishioner, recovery from accident
Geraldine Caldwell, friend of Carter Whitson, profound dementia.
Harry Forbes and Bruce Deal, NYC friends of Michael Shepley
Marshan Leib, friend of Brian Alms, Lewy's Body Dementia
Tim, friend of Mary Moore, cancer
Angela Salvador, friend of Brian Alms, breast cancer
Dennis Jones, friend of Sharron Underwood.
Tiffany Cruz, friend of Lisa Carpenter, breast cancer
Joe Richardson (Of Feed My People), friend of Jerry Martin, multiple health issues.
Karla, friend of Cathy Tierney, heart issues
Ken, Molly Perling's grandfather
Warren Frank Moseley (Cynthia and Patrick Fox's son), and his friend, Janese Julien for comfort and healing
Hope, health challenges.

Teresa, Eliza Williamson's stepmother, chronic illness
Mike, Jeannette Lehrmann's brother, prostate cancer.
Pat R., friend of Cathy Tierney, bladder cancer
Frank Menkhus, Pat Way's friend with heart problems
Sally Moylan, Pat Way's friend with multiple health problems

For Diocesan Clergy: Desiree Bratton, diocesan canon; The Rev. Canon Doris & David Westfall;
The Rev. Helen Ludbrook and The Rev. David K. Fly.

For Trinity Food Ministry and its volunteers.

For service members in harm's way.

Birthdays May 17-23: Anne Giedinghagen, Langdon Thacher, Dave Mundy.

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Readings for next Sunday, May 24

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 7:2,37-39



Vestry

Senior Warden: Adrienne Fly

Junior Warden: Ben Kiel

2027

Andrea Callard
Adrienne Fly
Mary Patton

2028

Carlos Daughaday
Ben Kiel
Perry Trolard

2029

Jackson Lawshee-Gress
Ted McNamara