Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

Rooted in the Word, Nourished by the Sacraments, Alive in Jesus Christ



May 24, 2020 – The Sunday after Ascension Ascension of our Lord (observed)

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Welcome to Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd! We're delighted to worship God with you this morning. Everything you need for worship is here in these pages and in the Bible in the pew. If you're visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, visit www.goodshepherdbinghamton.org. At Good Shepherd you'll find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. You are warmly invited to Coffee Hour downstairs immediately following both morning services. Welcome!

Holy Eucharist

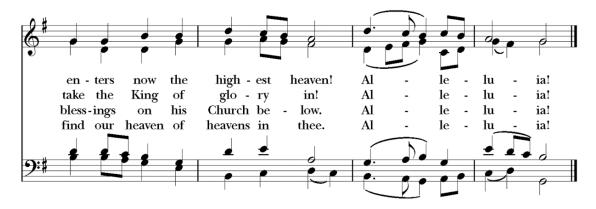
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Prelude

Adagio in e minor

JS Bach





The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

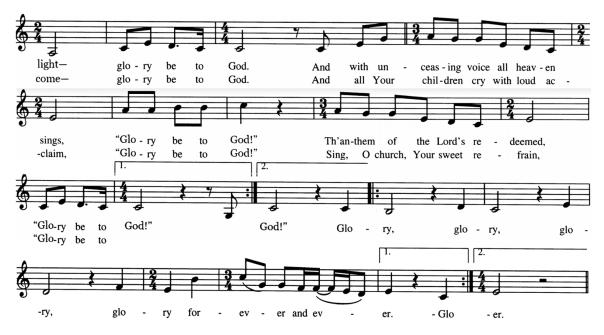
People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

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





The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 39:21-29

"And I will set my glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them. The house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God, from that day forward. And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity, because they dealt so treacherously with me that I hid my face from them and gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they all fell by the sword. I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their transgressions, and hid my face from them.

"Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God."

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

Psalm 47

- O clap your hands together, all you peoples; *
 O cry aloud unto God with shouts of joy.
- For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loved.
- God has gone up with a shout of triumph, * the LORD with the sound of the trumpet.
- O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; *
 O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- For God is the King of all the earth; *
 think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits on his holy throne.
- The princes of the peoples are gathered with the people of the God of Abraham; * for the mighty upon earth have become the servants of the Lord, and he is very highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-19

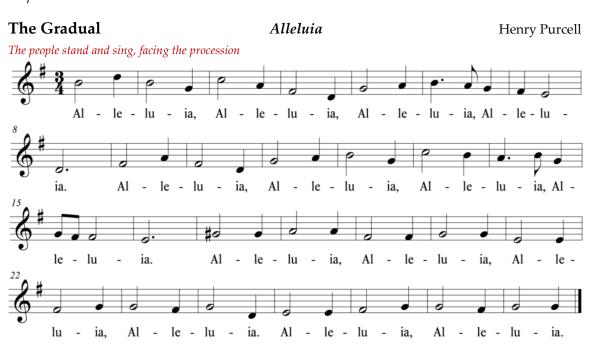
Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

John 14:25-31

"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Matthew Kennedy

The Nicene Creed

The people stand, if able

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

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.*

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. We appeal to your mercy, Gracious Lord, that you might hear our prayer.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Inspire your universal Church by your Spirit, granting that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word and live in unity and godly love.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants, our Archbishop Foley Beach, and our Bishop Julian Dobbs, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly administer your holy Sacraments.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Help us to fulfill your great commission; making disciples of all nations; teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

We ask you to rule the hearts of all who govern us, especially Mr. Donald Trump, our President. May he administer justice, govern wisely, and strive for the welfare and peace of the whole world.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Grant your heavenly grace to all people, especially these gathered here and online, that with meek and reverent hearts, we may hear and trust your holy Word, devoting our lives to your righteous service.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Celebrant I invite you to add your own requests at this time.

We bless your holy Name for all your servants who departed this life in your faith and fear, praying you would grant us grace to follow their good examples, that with them we might partake in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant Lord, in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The people kneel if able and pray together

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly your wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Comfortable Words

The Celebrant says

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

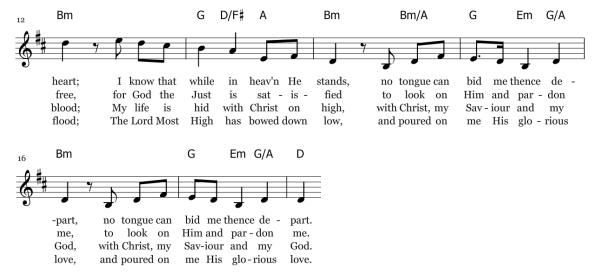
People And with your spirit.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

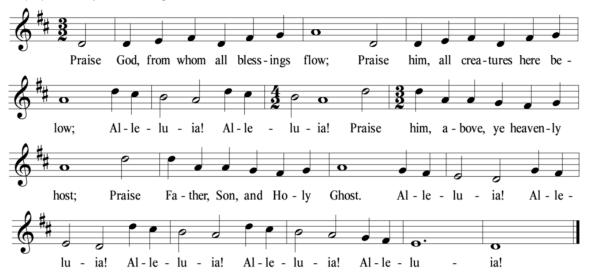




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The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing



The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is just and right so to do.
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

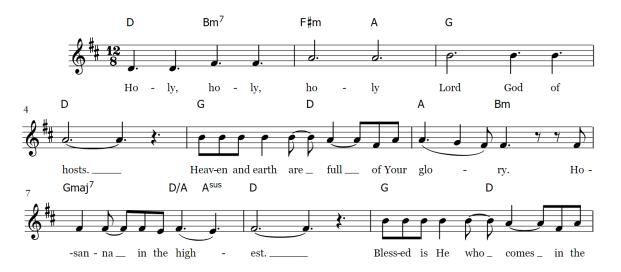
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

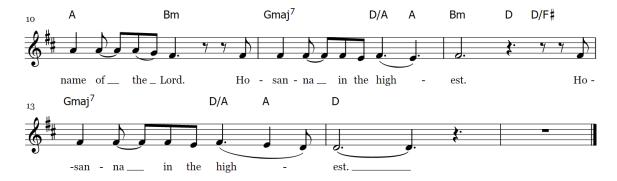
The Sanctus

Holy, Holy

Maher, Le and Ndolo

The people remain standing and sing





The Prayer of Consecration

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

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 sing together

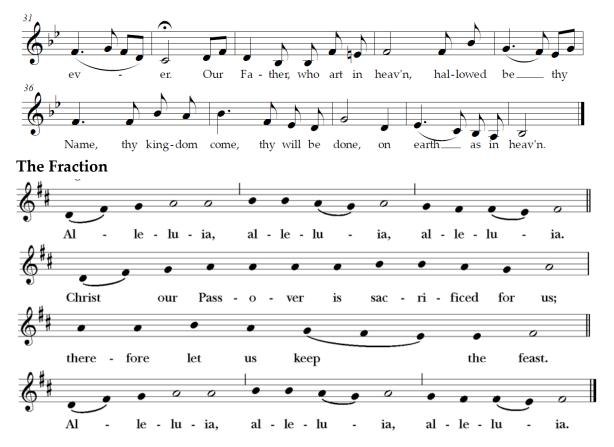


And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. 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 forever.



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





The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination and in good standing with their home church are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a Christian or are unbaptized, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew.

The Invitation

The people, sitting or kneeling

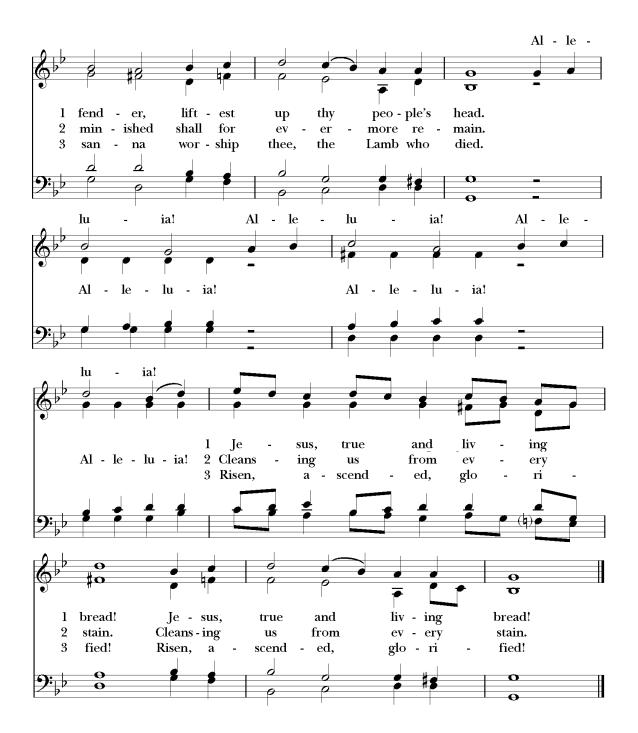
Celebrant

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.

Communion Music Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

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The Post Communion Prayer

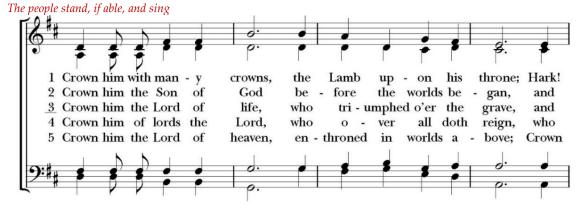
Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

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.*

The Hymn in Recession Crown Him with Many Crowns





The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Finale - Ave Maris Stella IV

Marcel Dupre

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