



## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

10:15 a.m.



*In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,  
For you will answer me.  
For you are great; you do wondrous things;  
And you alone are God.  
Psalm 86*

### **Welcome to Church of the Ascension**

Church of the Ascension provides opportunities to  
**Connect** with God and one another,  
**Grow** in faith and understanding, and  
**Serve** the Lord, one another, and the world around us.

We are an active community of faith committed to welcoming all  
and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Christ-centered + Spirit-filled + Mission-minded**

# The Liturgy of the Word of God

✠ *Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome

## Prelude

### ✠ Processional Hymn      “Open Your Ears, O Faithful People”      Hymnal #536

1. Open your ears, O faithful people  
Open your ears and hear God's word,  
Open your hearts. O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you. *Chorus*

#### Chorus:

God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!  
And his words are words of wisdom,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God has spoken to his people, Hallelujah!  
And his words are words of wisdom,  
Hallelujah!

2. They who have ears to hear the message,  
They who have ears, then let them hear  
They who would learn the way of wisdom  
Let them hear God's word. *Chorus*

3. Israel comes to great the Savior  
Judah is glad to see his day.  
From east and west the peoples travel,  
He will show the way. *Chorus*

4. Open your ears, O faithful people  
Open your ears and hear God's word,  
Open your hearts. O royal priesthood,  
God has come to you. *Chorus*

Words: Willard F. Jabusch  
Music: *Torah Song*, Hasidic Melody; arr. R. Proulx

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

1.Glo-ry    Glo ry    Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on  
Earth    2.Lord God Heav-en-ly King: al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we  
wor - ship You we give You thanks we praise you for Your glo-ry. 3.Lord Je - sus  
Christ on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God you take a -  
way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us. 1.Glo-ry    Glo ry

Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth 5. You are  
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther re-ceive our prayer For  
 You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord. 7. You a-  
 lone are the mo-st high Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spi-rit in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther A-men A-men 1. Glo-ry Glo ry  
 Glo-ry to God and peace to God's peo-ple on Earth

### The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### **The First Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be

afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

### **Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

### **The Epistle: Romans 6:1b-11**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

✠ **Sequence Song**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

1. Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

4. Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to a better home  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

2. Take up your cross, let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Words: Charles Everest  
Music: *O, Waly, Waly*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

### The Sermon

The Reverend Pierre-Henry Buisson

#### ✠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: 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.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Celebrant:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Carrie, our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for Donald, President of the United States, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for an end to the wars that ravage so many nations, especially the Middle East and Ukraine; for the protection of the innocent, the care of refugees, and the courage of peacemakers; **that justice, mercy, and peace may prevail among the nations.**

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces and for their families; **that they may be kept safe, and return to those who love them.**

We pray for this parish family of Ascension, that God may grant us wisdom, courage, generosity, and faithfulness; **that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Naomi, Nancy, Jeannette, The Cave Family, Lianne, Stacy, Bill, Gail, Bobbie, Jerry, Jack, Jackie, Mark, Eva, Liz, Karen, Scott, Betty, Pat, Steve N., Steve P., Ryan, Betsy, Rick, Debbie, Jordan and Reed; and those we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*) O Lord, **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially thy servant Ernie Mauritz, and those we remember before God. (*Silence*) O Lord, **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Dennis, Jill, Deb, Kaydence, Christina, Kevin and Jackie, Pierre-Henry+ and Sophie, Bud and Lynn, Buck and Lynn, Jerry and Bobbie; and on this Father's Day, we give thanks for all fathers and grandfathers, and pray for those for whom this day brings grief or longing; **may they know the fullness of your blessing.**

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin:**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *A time of silence is kept.*

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.**

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:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayer**

**O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace. Send your**

blessings upon them, that their homes may be a haven of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Announcements

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## The Celebration of the Holy Communion

### Offertory

### “His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

1. Why should I feel discouraged  
Why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart be lonely  
And long for heaven and home  
When Jesus is my portion  
my constant friend is He

His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me

*Chorus*

2. Let not your heart be troubled  
His tender words I hear  
And resting on His goodness  
I lose my doubt and fear  
Tho' by the path He leadeth  
but one step I may see

His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me *Chorus*

3. Whenever I am tempted  
whenever clouds arise  
When songs give place to sighing  
When hope within me dies  
I draw the closer to Him  
from care He sets me free

His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me  
His eye is on the sparrow  
and I know He watches me

*Chorus*

*Chorus:*  
I sing because I'm happy  
I sing because I'm free  
For His eye is on the sparrow  
And I know He watches me

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### ✠ Presentation Hymn

### “The Doxology”

Hymn 380 v.3

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise  
him a-bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho- ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748) Music: *Old 100th*

## The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

### Sanctus

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Ho-ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er God of might

8  
Hea-ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry Ho - sa na in the high -

16  
est. Blest is He, who comes in the name of the Lord Ho - sa - na

26  
in the high - est Ho - sa na in the high - est

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."

### Memorial Acclamation

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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.

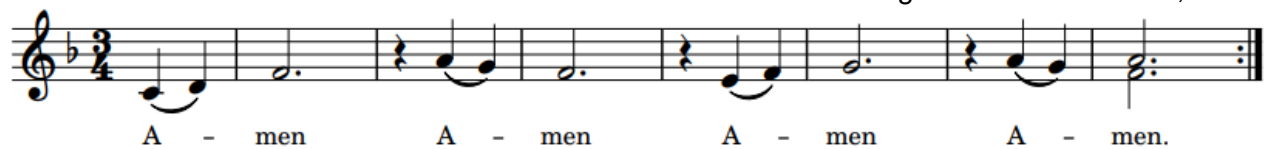
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, and 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.

### The Great Doxology

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.

### The Great Amen

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



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

**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 Breaking of Bread

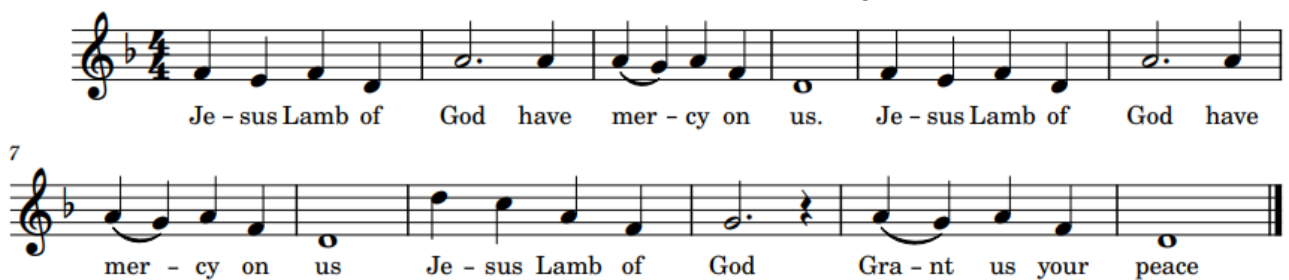
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

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

### Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

Setting: Mass of Ascension, Donna Parker



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. **Amen.**

## The Communion of the People

All baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. When directed by an Usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive the wine you can either drink from the common cup or dip your host held by the second Eucharistic minister on both sides of the priest

### Communion Music

### “The Table”

1. I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore at His table

3. There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

2. There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore at His table

4. I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
I'm invited to the table of the Lord  
He says come just as you are to His table

### Chorus:

Come all you weary come and find. His yoke is easy His burden is light.  
He is able. He will restore. At the table of the Lord

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### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray. **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.**

### ✠ The 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.**

### ✠ Recessional Hymn

### “Lift High the Cross”

Hymnal #473

#### Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou has promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.  
*(Refrain)*

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

Words: George William Kitchin (1827 – 1912)  
Music: *Crucifer*, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875 – 1947)

### ✠ The Dismissal:

*Celebrant:* Let us bless the Lord! *People:* **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

Worship Assistants	June 21	June 28
Organist	Mary Butler	Mary Butler
Musicians	Choir	Choir
Ushers	<i>2 needed</i>	<i>2 needed</i>
Lector	Buck Lyon-Vaiden	Olivia Carpenter
Acolyte(s)	<i>1 needed</i>	Kat Dittrich
Chalicians	<i>4 needed</i>	John Holbert, <i>3 needed</i>
Worship Slides	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden	Jeanne Cox
Audio Visual	Allison Lord	Travis Collins

**June Altar Guild:** Janice Hobart, Jill Horn, Emelia Howe, Deb Vana

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Roberta Wilhelm in celebration of Father’s Day.

**Attendance June 14**

8:00 am - 37 10:15 am In-person - 58 YouTube - 5 Facebook - 4 Total: 104

**Readings for Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - A**

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42



*He will turn the hearts of the fathers  
to their children,  
and the hearts of the children  
to their fathers.  
Malachi Ch. 4*