

## Church of the Ascension

July 12, 2020

10:00am Holy Eucharist

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**Season of Pentecost, Proper 10**

### Prelude

Sonatina No. 2 in F

Ludwig Van Beethoven

### Processional Hymn L189

Great is thy faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not thy cor - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wi - ness,  
3. Strength for to day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

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Music: William M. Runyon (1878-1957)

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Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-ries I see;

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed,

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

### **The Word of God**

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

***People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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.***

## Gloria S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his 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, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer; 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spl - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting Robert Powell (c. 1992)

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray the collect of the day:

**O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Lessons

#### First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

#### Old Testament

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac

prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 119:105-112                      Old Testament**

105 Your word is a lantern to my | feet \*  
and a light upon my | path.

106 I have sworn and am de- | termined \*  
to keep your righteous | judgments.

107 I am deeply | troubled; \*  
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your | word.

108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my | lips, \*  
and teach me your | judgments.

109 My life is always in my | hand, \*  
yet I do not forget your | law.

110 The wicked have set a | trap for me, \*  
but I have not strayed from your com- | mandments.

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for | ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my | heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your | statutes \*  
for ever and to the | end.

*Underline* words have two syllables per note. **Bolded** words have two notes per syllable.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11 New Testament**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Sequence Hymn 711 vs 1 & 2**

Seek ye first

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,  
and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be  
seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be  
add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



**Hymn 711 vs 1 & 2**      *(see hymn above)*

**Homily:** The Rev. Leo Crawford

*Silence is kept after the homily.*

**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**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Deacon:* Let us pray.

*Intercessor:* May Christ be seen in the life of the Church. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People:** Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* You have called us to be children of God, one family in faith. Strengthen our love for each other. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People:** Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* You have called us, through baptism, to live our lives filled with the Holy Spirit. Give us willing hands and loving hearts so that our lives will reflect your holiness. We pray for all who are celebrating their birthday this week, especially, **Sean** Maguire, **Robert** Ferguson, **Roy** Slade, **Randall** Marcum, **Randy** Dodds, **Nan** Englishbee, **Grayson** Hinrichs, **Paul** Ley, **George** Walters, **Marte** Toohill, **Rogers** Haydon, **Ruthanne** Schlarbaum; and we pray for those who are celebrating their anniversaries **Bill & Terrie** Byrne. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People:** Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor:* You have called us to be holy examples of the life Jesus lived. By your grace, let us be sowers of your gospel message so that others, who do not know you, will see you in us and desire your presence in their lives. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People: Jesus, healer of all life, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* You have called us to listen to your Holy Spirit, raise up for Ascension, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People: Jesus healer of all life, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* You have called us to pray at all times and you promise to hear and answer our petitions. We pray that your comfort and healing power will bring hope and healing to those for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus Christ, we put our hope in you.

**People: Jesus healer of all life, hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor:* Jesus Lord of the Church, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We pray for comfort where there has been death, especially, we pray for those who have died \_\_\_\_\_; that your love may bring peace and comfort to all who mourn. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy in this life and the next. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

### **Celebrant and People**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*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.**

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord.*



## **Offertory Meditation**

*Have you fed the hungry, quenched the thirsty, welcomed the stranger, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoner? . . . Today? . . . When we give, the answer is yes. In our outreach and ministry we are doing these things through our partnerships in the name of Christ. Our outreach ministries and service work together to serve the “least of these”. Let us bring our tithes and offerings which feed, quench, welcome, clothe, care and visit.*

**Offertory**                      Then shall the righteous shine forth                      *Felix Mendelssohn*  
Solo by Ryan Kosinski

*Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm, shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm,  
Then shall the righteous shine forth in their heavenly Father's realm,  
As the sun, as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm.*

*Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, Joy on their head shall be for ever lasting. And all sorrow and mourning shall flee away, shall flee away for ever.*

*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm, shine forth, shine in their heavenly Father's realm. Shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father's realm, then shall the righteous shine in their heavenly Father's realm.*

## **The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 2** EOW, p. 59

*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 him 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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## Sanctus S-129



### *The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ( Bells)

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ( Bells)

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. ( Bells) In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.** ( Bells)

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

**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 the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

*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.

*Celebrant:* If you are unable to celebrate around God's table, we know and affirm that God is near to each person and meets us where we are. Please pray this communion prayer; a reminder that God is present with us always.

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Communion Music**

The Swan

*Camille Saint-Saens*

**Meditation** *During the Communion, please meditate on this thought.*

*God of all loving, you love and search for each of us even before we loved you. And we are seized with wonder to discover that you look upon every human being with infinite tenderness and deep compassion.*

– Brother Roger, Taizé Community in France

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

#### ***Celebrant and People***

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns forever; and the Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Keep you and those you love in life everlasting. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn WLP 812

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my  
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my  
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will  
 peo - ple's pain, I have wept for love of them, They turn a -  
 pcor and lame, I will set a feast for them, My hand will

save,  
 way,  
 save.

I who made the stars of night,  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my  
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my  
 Till their hearts be eat - is - fied. I will give my

light to them? Whom shall I send?  
word to them. Whom shall I send?  
life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord,

if you lead me, I will hold your peo - ple is my

1. 2. heart. 3. heart.

**Dismissal**

*Deacon:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Organ Postlude**

Allegretto Pastorale

*Abraham van den Kerckhoven*