

A warm welcome to **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** Bailey's Crossroads



The Feast of the Ascension May 29, 2022 Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Call to worship Christ Jesus, who bears our burdens and forgives our sins has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

Processional Hymn "Hail thee, festival day!"

Hymnal 216 v.1,3&5

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! blest day that art hallowed forever, day wherein Christ ascends, high in the heavens to reign.

1. He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of nature; all things created on earth sing to the glory of God. [Refrain]

3. God the Creator, the Lord, who rulest the earth and the heavens, guard us from harm without, cleanse us from evil within. [Refrain]

5. Spirit of life and of power, now flow in us, fount of our being, light that dost lighten all life that in all dost abide. [Refrain]

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentence & Collect for Purity

Gloria in Excelsis

Collect of the Day

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Feast of the Ascension Holy Eucharist Rite II

BCP 355

Hymnal S-278

The 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, "Men 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."

(Sung seated)

Reader: The Word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 47	Omnes gentes, plaudite	
1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *		
shout to God with a cry of joy.		
2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *		
he is the great King over all the earth.		
3 He subdues the peoples u	nder us, *	
and the nations unde	r our feet.	
4 He chooses our inheritan	ce for us, *	
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.		
5 God has gone up with a sl	10ut, *	
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.		
6 Sing praises to God, sing p	praises; *	
sing praises to our King, sing praises.		

7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

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

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

The 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.

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Sequence Hymn "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph"

Hymnal 215 v. 1&3

1. See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph; see the King in royal state, riding on the clouds, his chariot, to his heavenly palace gate! Hark! the choir of angel voices joyful alleluias sing, and the portals high are lifted to receive their heavenly King. 3. Thou hast raised our human nature on the clouds to God's right hand; there we sit in heavenly places, there with thee in glory stand. Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne; mighty Lord, in thine ascension, we by faith behold our own.

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke **People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

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.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Sermon	The Rev. Elizabeth W. Tomlinson
Nicene Creed	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	BCP 360
The Peace	

Offertory Hymn

"Lift every Voice; Let All Rejoice" By Joseph Haydn

Refrain: Lift ev'ry voice; let all rejoice. O praise, O praise the Lord. Let all rejoice. O praise the Lord. Lift ev'ry voice; let all rejoice.

God is Lord of all creation; behold God's might and glory. God is Lord of all creation; rejoice and sing. All rejoice, O praise the Lord. Behold God's glory. Lift ev'ry voice; let all rejoice. O praise the Lord. O praise God's holy name forever. (*Refrain*)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

The Presentation of Alms and Oblations

Presentation Hymn		Hymnal 380, vs. 3
LITURGY OF THE TABLE		
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
Sanctus	Holy, Holy, Holy	Hymnal S-130
Lord's Prayer	Traditional version	BCP 364
The Fraction		
Agnus Dei		
 "Christ our Passover" 1. God's Paschal Lamb is sach Therefor with joy we keep Forsaking sin, we share th 	,	WLP 880

2. Now Christ is raised and will not die again; death has no more dominion over him; In Christ's new life shall all be made alive. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Administration of Holy Communion



All are invited to the rail. Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask at the rail. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the rail and fold your across your chest.

Communion Hymn "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"	Hymnal 328 v. 1,2,3 &4

1. Draw near and take the Body of your Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.

2. Saved by his body and his holy blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

3. Salvation's giver, Christ the only Son, by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

4. Offered was he for greatest and for least, himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

Post Communion Thanksgiving

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"

> 1. Hail, O once-despised Jesus! Hail, O Galilean King! thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, O universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through your name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins were on you were laid; by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. all thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood; opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we to God.

Dismissal

Celebrant: With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

Hymnal 495 v. 1&2

BCP 365

LAY MINISTERS for today's service Readers: 1st Reading, Dave Wright 2nd Reading, June Jallah Prayers of the People, Averill Springer Ushers: Averill Springer and Tam Mehuron Acolyte: G. Alvin Jones

The act of praying aloud in corporate worship and naming the people we are praying for connects us with God, with each other, and with each of them in a spiritual way even though we may not know them personally or what their specific needs are. God knows them and knows what they need. And God knows us and hears us as we pray. Each of the people on this list is in some way connected to St. Paul's or has made a request to be on our Prayer List. Please commend them to God with your whole heart.

St. Paul's Prayer Lis

- Rachel (mother to Blanche and Natalie Eastman; physical health)
- Myrtle, a former parishioner, shut-in (well-being)
- Lily Gabra's Family (mourning her death)
- Jean Trakowski (mourning the death of her husband, Al and her prayer partner, Frances)
- Bernard Bettsking (spiritual, mental, physical health)
- Henry Oden and his family (mourning the death of his wife, Georgia)
- Mary Lou Runyon and her Family (mourning the death of her husband, Richard)
- Fred Silvers
- The family of Ellen Strickland (friend of Rev. Liz) who died on 06-10-2021
- Carola Reyes (physical health, wife of Hector Reyes)
- Armina Varga, Andia Henries-King's cousin's daughter (physical health)
- Jaclyn's younger sister (physical health)
- The family of Bill Springer (mourning his death)
- Norman Anderson, Dave Wright's brother-in-law (physical health)
- Natalie Eastman (physical health)
- Lamont Springfield, friend of Andia Henries-King (physical health)
- Gladys Bowens, June Jallah's mother (physical health)
- Miss. Ana (physical health)