



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21

September 26, 2021 | 9:00 am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The Parish News is your guide to everything happening in our parish. The bulletin contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found in either the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Communion

All persons, including children, are welcome to receive Communion.

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask inside the building.**
- Please maintain good physical distancing when in the building.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

To facilitate everyone being able to hear during the service, everyone will be muted on Zoom, except for the person speaking.

Please close all other applications on the device you are using. If you are having connection issues, try turning off the video. You will still be able to hear the service.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you weren't able to join us for our live service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

The Sanctuary candle is given for the Glory of God.

Bulletin art: *Coronation of Queen Esther*
1617 Scroll of Esther from Ferrara, Italy.
Institution: National Library of Israel, Jerusalem.

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

- A limited number of bulletins will be available, please consider bringing a printed copy or a mobile device.
- This morning you are welcome to sing the hymns.
- You are invited to share the Peace with one another this morning. Please be respectful of the community members who may not want to pass a physical peace.
- There will be a collection plate at the entrance of the Nave for your offering.
- You are welcome to be in the parking lot and stream the service - one of the clergy will bring you communion at the end of the service. You are welcome to use the Annunciation WiFi (AnnunciationOfOurLady Guest).
- Healing prayers will be in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way there if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister. At this time we are unable to offer anointing.

Holy Eucharist:

- **This morning we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist. At the invitation to Communion, please come forward to the altar, either one “pod” together or one individual at a time, and receive the wafer. Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. Then make your way back to your seat or to the chapel for healing prayers.**

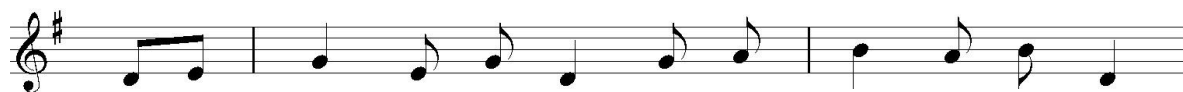
The Liturgy of the Word

Organ Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn # 636

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

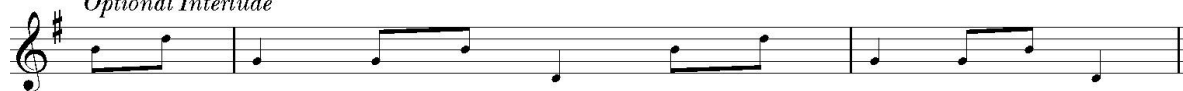


1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844;
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Celebrant:

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People:

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

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People, say together

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.

Glory to God #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

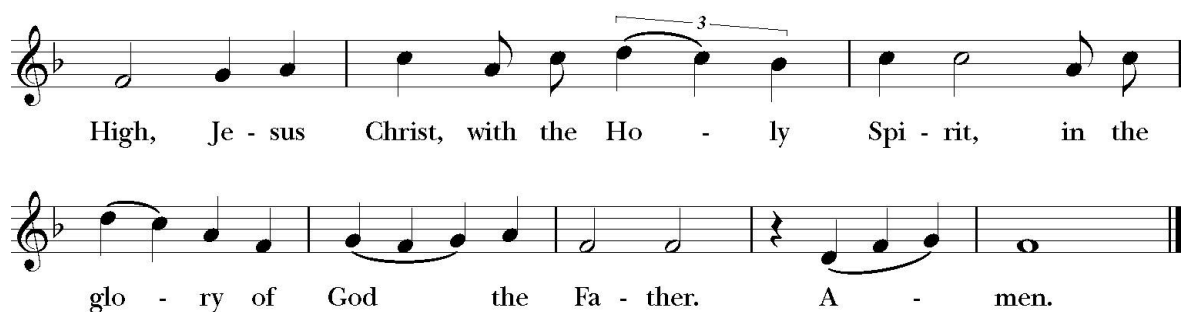
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

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



Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us hear what God's Spirit is saying to God's people.

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

(*Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22*)

Reader: A reading in which we hear of Queen Esther petitioning on behalf of her people.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth

day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm (124)

Reader: Let us hear a song of thankfulness for Israel's deliverance and offer the psalm by whole verse.

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

*If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;*

Then would they have swallowed us up
alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

*Then would the waters have overwhelmed
us *
and the torrent gone over us;*

Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

*Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their
teeth.*

We have escaped like a bird from the snare
of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

*Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.*

The Second Lesson

(James 5:13-20)

Reader: Here the author teaches and prays a prayer of faith.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia **90.**

Traditional Traditional

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel

(Mark 9:38-50)

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant and People, say together

We believe in one God.

God created everything.

We believe in Jesus; Jesus taught us how to love. Jesus died and rose again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the church is Jesus' mission of mercy.

Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; this morning we remember Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, Madagascar.

People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; including Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop-elect, Chilton our Assisting Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Linda, and Rev Jane.

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest. This morning we remember ***Chuck*** Plokington (9/29/13) and ***Carol*** Nitsche (10/1/14).

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Leader: For those weighted down by despair, suffering from addiction, or burdened by illness, that they may experience the freedom which the Spirit gives to the Children of God. This morning we pray especially for **Bishop-elect Paula; Bishop Samy; Andrew; Norbert, Bein, Mendrica, Louisiano; Ashley; Brendan, Kate, and Joseph; Herman; Rob; Greg, Joe, Helene; Marsha; John; Cindy; Noah; Charlie; Logan; Tom; Debbie; Jenny; Linda and Ralph; Susan and Dave; and the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living and PADS.**

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including **Liam Mellen, Chad VanHorn, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Ian Pocklington, Ethan Pocklington, Christopher Froelich, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking,** let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants **Joseph DeRosa (9/28), Mia Fabry-Klimzak (9/28), Merritt Penticoff (9/29), Mary Haviland (9/30), Davey Fulton (9/30),** as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all the days of their lives.

Leader: Gracious lover of souls, we pray for **Phil and Michael, Bill and Beth,** and **Maryann and Jami,** and all those who celebrate anniversaries. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in our will, and their spirits in you Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life.

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship 1

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is observed for personal reflection.

People: **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace

A Wee Worship Book, 4th ed.

Celebrant: Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace,
not a half-hearted peace,

but the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ
is here with us now.

People: *Let us share it with each other.*

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

Celebrant: If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sibling has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first to be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Hymn #660

O Master, let me walk with thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

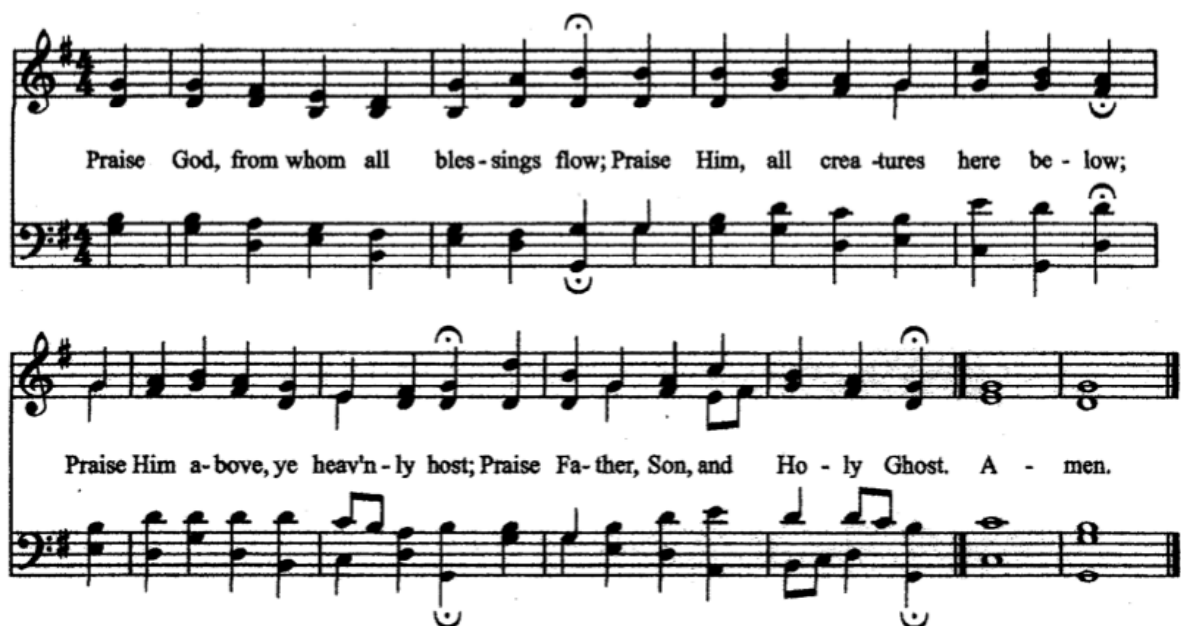
paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836-1918) Music: *Maryton*, Henry Percy Smith (1825-1898)

Presentation Hymn | Doxology

Please stand, as able, and sing:



The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer: Prayer A

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

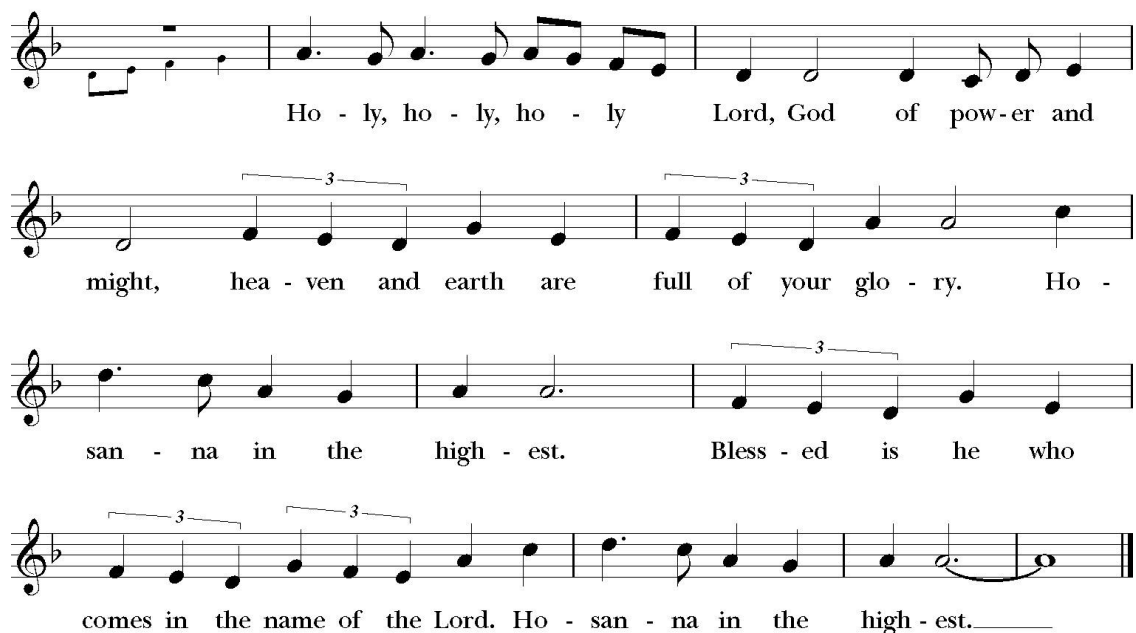
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

People: **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: **Our Father in heaven,**
*hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
*as we forgive those
who sin against us.*
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
*and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

You're Invited: *This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*

Host: *Our communion is by wafer. The priest will place the wafer in your hand.*

Wine: *Take a cup and after you have consumed the wine, put it in the glass container by the lectern. You also may abstain from receiving the wine.*

Gluten: *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*

Healing prayers will be offered in the chapel during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please make your way to the prayer station after receiving communion, if you desire personal prayers with a prayer minister. At this time we are unable to offer anointing.

Sending of the Eucharistic Visitors

The Deacon sends parishioners to bring Communion and companionship to the sick and homebound. This morning, parishioners will lead the service at Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

Communion Meditation Music

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And
the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and
remain with you always.*

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn #390

Praise to the Lord

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his

health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerter Gesangbuch*, 1665;
 Hartm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Ministers of the service

<i>Crucifer</i>	Emily Mlyniec
<i>1st Reader & Psalm</i>	Steve Kublis
<i>2nd Reader</i>	Debbie Rakestraw
<i>Prayers</i>	Barb McNeill
<i>Ushers</i>	Tony Waynick
<i>Digital Verger</i>	Steve Kublis and Debbie Rakestraw
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Annunciation *of Our Lady*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope

Thank You



Today's coffee hour hosts:

Barb McNeill and Rev Jane Schaefer

Parish Announcements and Calendar

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 3 we are offering a blessing of the animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Come by the church at 3:00pm for a service of blessing and thanksgiving for our furry, feathered, or scaly friends. If your animal is not able to join us in person, please feel free to bring a picture for a blessing. Stuffed furry, feathered, or scaly friends are also welcome to come for a blessing.



United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church.

Individuals are invited to deepen a personal daily

spiritual discipline of gratitude, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering. 100% of what is collected supports innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The UTO Blue Boxes are available on the Communication Wall shelf. The ingathering for the UTO boxes will be Sunday, November 28th. If you have questions, please speak with Deb Modde.

Calling all Singers!



Adult Choir rehearses after service this morning. After the service, stop by coffee hour and then come by the choir room for a short 'welcome back' rehearsal. We will be rehearsing every Sunday after church for the next few months.

During this COVID-time we will be singing in church on the Sundays of All Saints, Christ the King, Advent 1,2,3,4 and of course, Christmas Eve. It will be great! Bring a friend, too!

Registration for Convention

Online registration open through October 15 (see the Parish News for links)

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

The 184th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will take place Saturday, November 20 from 9 am to 3 pm on Zoom. The event is free

and everyone is welcome to participate. All attendees, including canonically resident clergy, lay delegates, licensed clergy, youth delegates and general attendees, must register online in English or Spanish by **October 15**.

Convention is the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions and hear reports from across the diocese and the wider church.

Wednesday Book Study

Wednesday, September 22, was a wonderful class. We talked about what we had learned from reading 60 pages of letters from Patsy to her family and hers and Todd's home church. At the halfway point, Patsy joined us via Zoom.

We had a fantastic hour with Patsy and she helped us put so many things into perspective. We learned that neither she nor Todd were ordained when they went to Madagascar as missionaries. We knew missionaries did not have to be ordained but we were confused about when and how Todd went from a degree from Trinity International's divinity school here in Deerfield (not exactly the same as an Episcopal seminary) to being an Episcopal priest. Patsy laid out a timeline for us which encompassed three of her books: *A Guest in God's World* (their time in the capital, networking

and setting up medical dispensaries); *The Detour* (their time in Kenya when Patsy became a priest); and *Tamana: At Home in Africa* (their time in the Toliara area setting up the Diocese of Toliara). We know about their two daughters and what they are doing now, what Todd and Patsy are doing now that they are back in Florida and just a huge amount of other information. We even know who the lady was whose loss of a toothbrush was the start of our dental hygiene ingathering several years ago.

Patsy says she feels a real personal tie to us here at Annunciation and wants to keep in touch with us. We want to keep in touch with her as well. Next Wednesday, September 29, we will be discussing chapters 5 through 7 where we already know more of the McGregor story will unfold. Although we are at least halfway through the book, we would love to have you join us. We meet in person in the Forum Room and on Zoom using the information below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 889 6629 4587

Passcode: 007172

If you have any questions, please see Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.

Hospitality Corner

Thank you everyone who has signed up to host a coffee hour. We have all of October covered now except for October 10. Normally, if an occasional Sunday is not covered, I would host it. However, this is the one day that I will not be in church. So please, for my sanity, sign up. If no one signs up, there will be no coffee hour that day.

The sign up process is extremely easy, just click on the link below and you will be taken to our SignUp Genius coffee hour site. Its use is very intuitive so I KNOW you can do it.

Coffee hour is pretty easy to host. I would suggest two people do it because everything has to be served to the parishioners including the drinks. Since we do not have a large crowd, maybe 30 - 40 at most, just have coffee (2 pots of regular and 1 pot of decaf) and cold drinks, something sweet and some fruit.

Since the food shouldn't be touched by anyone but the host(s), the coffee fixins, napkins and "silverware" work best on the table in front of the new parish hall partial wall.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry. Use the link in the Parish News to sign-up to host. For all those who have not had instruction on how to use the new coffee maker, I will be available to explain it to you at any time. So, please contact me.

Miriam Berry



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Chicago

2021 Fall Retreat

Come to the Well:

Refreshing our Bodies, Minds and Souls

October 15-18, 2021

We will return to DeKoven for our retreat this fall, but our retreat will also be available live, online.

Our retreat will include worship, workshops, meditation sessions and opportunities for quiet reflection and socializing.

Our ECW chaplain, The Rev. Deacon Trilby Murray, will be leading compline and morning prayer.

Linda Tinson, a primary care nurse practitioner, will lead our workshop on Physical Health.

Chaplain Vicky Syren, will lead the Mental Health workshop.

The Rev. Laurie Micheals will serve as our retreat leader and present her workshop on Spiritual Health.

To register, visit <https://www.ecwchicago.org/>

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

People:

Gracious God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are present in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you in the Sacrament, I ask you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.



Save the Dates

October

3	St. Francis Blessing of the Animals 3:00pm
4	Book Club 7:00pm
5	Scouts 7:00pm
6	2022 Budget requests due
6	Wednesday Morning Book Study 10:00am
9	Men's Group 9:00am
12	Scouts 7:00pm
13	Wednesday Morning Book Study 10:00am
13	Finance Committee Meeting 7:00pm
16	Buildings and Grounds 9:00am
18	Vestry 6:30pm
19	Cub Scouts 6:00pm
	Scouts 7:00pm
20	Wednesday Morning Book Study 10:00am
	Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00-8:30pm
26	Scouts 7:00pm
27	Wednesday Morning Book Study 10:00am
31	All Saints Sunday

November

8	Worship Committee 7:00pm
10	Finance Committee 7:00pm
15	Vestry 6:30pm
17	Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00-8:30pm
20	Dioscean Convention
21	Christ the King Sunday Greening of the Church for Advent
25	Thanksgiving Day Service 10:00am
28	1st Sunday of Advent

December

5	Cookie Walk
15	Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00-8:30pm
19	Advent Lessons and Carols
24	Christmas Eve 4:00 pm
25	Christmas Day 10:00am

This Week's Calendar

Today	Sunday Worship 9:00am
Tuesday	Scouts 7:00pm
Wednesday	Book Study 10:00am

Morning Prayer meets Monday through Friday at 8:30 in our Zoom Room - please see the website or Parish News for the link.

The Office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:30-4:00.