

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

THE ACCLAMATION Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF 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.**

OPENING HYMN O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King	Thy bountiful care
All glorious above	What tongue can recite
And gratefully sing	It breathes in the air
His power and His Love	It shines in the light
Our Shield and Defender	It streams from the hills
The Ancient of Days	It descends to the plain
Pavilioned in splendor	And sweetly distills
And girded with praise	In the dew and the rain

O tell of His might	Frail children of dust
And sing of His grace	And feeble as frail
Whose robe is the light	In Thee do we trust
Whose canopy space	Nor find Thee to fail
His chariots of wrath	Thy mercies how tender
The deep thunderclouds	How firm to the end
form	Our Maker Defender
And dark is His path	Redeemer and Friend
On the wings of the storm	

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

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, 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.**

Please stand.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

SONG OF PRAISE

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

If You don't build it we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

O Lord establish the work of our hands
O Lord establish the work of our hands

Alleluia alleluia alleluia
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**THE COLLECT FOR
CHILDREN**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Kids ages 4-9 are dismissed and will return at the Peace. Kids 3 and younger must be accompanied by a parent.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

**THE COLLECT OF
THE DAY**

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

Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

After the lesson is read:

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

LESSONS

THE PSALM: PSALM 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**2 For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

3 He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**4 He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

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

9 The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

After the psalm is read:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

Galatians 3:10-22

10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12 But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

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LESSONS

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

Before the lesson is read:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

44 Then he said to them, "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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

After the lesson is read:

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE

Please kneel or be seated, as you are able, and let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, 'hear our prayer.'

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach, our Archbishop, and Steve Breedlove, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation. We pray specifically today for ___The Rev. [pastor's name] and___[church name]___ in ___[location]___.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We remember today, Christian and Helen Hofreiter planting a church in Vienna, Austria.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and for those who persecute them. We remember especially today those in Central African Republic.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service. For Joe Biden, our President, and for Muriel Bowser, our mayor.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**PRAYERS OF THE
PEOPLE**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

I now invite your petitions and thanksgivings. If you pray aloud, please pray loudly enough so that everyone may hear, and end your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy".

[After time is given for public prayers, the Deacon or Priest will conclude with this collect, followed by the corporate praying of the Lord's Prayer]:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

As Christ our Savior has taught us, we are confident to say:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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, forever and ever.

Amen.

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 PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
And also with you

Parents please pick up children from Children's Chapel at this time.

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS IN-PERSON | 10 AM & 5 PM AT 501 E ST. SE

SUNDAY, MAY 23 | PENTECOST SUNDAY BAPTISMS

Contact [Matt Wilcoxon](#) or [Sulmane Maigadi](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 23 | FELLOWSHIP & FAREWELL TO THE WILCOXENS

3:00-5:00 pm at 501 E St. SE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2 | REZ FOUNDATIONS

7:00 pm at 501 E St. SE. [Register here.](#)

SUNDAY, JUNE | NEWCOMERS IN-PERSON GATHERING - RESCHEDULED

7:00 pm at 501 E St. SE. RSVP to [Tinbit Alemayehu](#).

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

MONDAY-FRIDAY | MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM (8AM)

See prayer liturgy [here](#).

ONLINE WEEKLY | REZ GROUPS

Relaunch June 6. Contact [Matt Wilcoxon](#) and [Sulmane Maigadi](#) if you're interested in starting a group.

PASTORAL CARE

Make appointments [here](#)

GIVING

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THE TABLE OF THE LORD

God welcomes his people to feast with him at his table. All baptized Christians who trust in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, seek to lead a new life by God's mercies and strive to walk in love and charity with their neighbors are welcome to share in this meal. If you do not profess faith in Jesus, or are a Christian not prepared to take Communion, we invite you to come forward for a prayer of blessing by the ministers.

THE SURSUM CORDA

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 him 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. But chiefly we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again He has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

THE SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
In the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**THE ACCLAMATION
OF FAITH**

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

**THE MINISTRATION
OF COMMUNION**

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.]

HYMN

NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

THE POST
COMMUNION
PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

From the Anglican Church of Kenya

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

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THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!