



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



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May 21, 2023, 10:00 AM

Ascension Sunday
The Holy Eucharist
May 21, 2023

Prelude

Processional Hymn: #379 Rejoice, the Lord is King

Welcome and Announcements
Children's Focus

The Rev. Steve Bateman

The Gathering of the Community

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant May his grace and peace be with you.

People **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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

**Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us,
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, of God the Father, Amen, Amen.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray. *(all kneeling)*

All **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**
And the people shall respond: **Thanks be to God.**

First Reading Acts 1:1-11 (p. 770)

Sheila Matson

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 827)

Michael Larsen

Gradual Hymn: Above All

**Above all powers, Above all kings,
Above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.**

**Chorus: Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me,
Above all.**

**Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
Above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
There's no way to measure what You're worth.**

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53 (p. 748)

Karen Hudson

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem In Christ Alone with Cornerstone Setting by Joel Raney
Karen Hudson and Erinn Roberts

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith as we say,

All **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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People (*all kneeling*)

Keith Griffioen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In Our Diocese we pray for the Church of the Good Shepherd, Calgary, and The Rev. Cpt. Derwyn Costinak, and The Rev. Deacon Margaret Hogarth. We also pray for the Clergy Conference.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Phillips, Mesopotamia with St. Matthias and St. Joseph, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Canon Ashton Francis.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those providing sound and video technical support for both in-person and livestream services.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and the people say together,

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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(all standing)

Prayer over the Gifts

The Rev. Steve Bateman

All **Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time. Accept all we offer you this day, and renew us in his transfigured life; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted. 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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,

we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(all kneeling)*

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the Eucharist.

All people (baptized or not) are invited to come forward for a blessing.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please inform the person administering the bread.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. (all kneeling)

All **Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

(all standing)

Celebrant **Glory to God**

All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #380 O Worship the King

Dismissal

Celebrant **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!**

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Dorothy June Kelly by Ginette Kelley

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPELLER: Karen Hudson

INTERCESSOR: Keith Griffioen

LAY ASSISTANTS: Allan Besplug, Sylvia Besplug, Brenda Boéré, Michael Larsen, Gary Moore, Jay Penner

LECTORS: Michael Larsen, Sheila Matson

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People's Warden
Assistant People's Warden
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