



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



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May 29, 2022, 10:00 AM

**Ascension Sunday
The Holy Eucharist**

Rite from the Anglican Church of Kenya
May 29, 2022

Prelude

Bridge Brass

Canzona #4	G. Gabrieli, arr. G. Page
Vesper Hymn	W. Shenton, arr. T. Ellis
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	J S Bach, arr. Parente
Sheep May Safely Graze	J S Bach, arr. E. Watts
Canzona #2	G. Bagrieli, arr. R. King

Processional Hymn: #247 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" (v 1, 3, 6)

**Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
to his throne above the skies: alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!**

**Highest heaven its Lord receives, alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves; alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!
far above the starry height, alleluia!
grant our hearts may thither rise, alleluia!
Seeking thee above the skies. Alleluia!**

Announcements

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Tribute to the ACW (Anglican Church Women) - Evening Group

Children's Focus

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said: the first and great commandment is this: "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.

People **Amen. Lord, have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.**

Glory to God

**Glory 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.**

**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.**

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

Charis Legg

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my

Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-34

Joanne Collier

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Gradual Hymn “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I’m so glad you’re in my life,
I’m so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave
from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

Judith Robinson

Reader The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

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

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Steve Bateman

Anthem "To the Lamb on the Throne" arr. Dan Forrest
Senior Choir with Bridge Brass

The Apostles' Creed (*all standing*)

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of the People *(all kneeling)*

Bev Dorchak

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the church of South India.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Holy Nativity, Calgary, and The Rev. Brian Vickers, The Rev. Dr. Bob Mummery and the Property Committee.

In our companion diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan, Stubbs and St. Mark, Greggs, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Deacon Kenwick Lewis.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish staff: Joanne Collier, Stef Collins, Wendy Doherty, Michael Larsen, Mary Lee Voort, Rachelle Wiebe, and Greg Young.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow Him: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it". (*Luke 9:23,24*) "Come unto me all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest". (*Matthew 11:28*)

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Celebrant Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and people say together,

Almighty God, Creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son. Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest. **Amen.**

People **Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word: we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the Righteous. 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 #451 "King of Love, O Christ, We Crown You"

**King of love, O Christ, we crown you Lord of thought and Lord of will,
each demand of your high challenge dedicated to fulfil;**

**we with you by grace coworkers, till, where human foot has trod,
peoples, kings, dominions, races, own the empire of our God.**

**King of life, you have created wheat in golden harvest spread:
make your servants strong to serve you by the gift of daily bread.
Feed us with your body broken, with your blood outpoured sustain,
that our souls divinely strengthened may the life eternal gain.**

**King of mercy, you have saved us from the haunting sense of loss,
nailing in your vast compassion sin's indictment to the cross.
Those who love, by your sore anguish, from the past you cleanse and free,
breathing words of absolution throned and reigning from the tree.**

**King triumphant, King victorious, take your throne our hearts within,
lest the might of fierce temptation snare us into deadly sin.
By the Spirit's rich anointing, grant us strength life's race to run,
till the power of sin be vanquished, till the prize of God be won.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer Over the Gifts

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.**

The Communion

Eucharistic Prayer *(please remain standing)*

The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Celebrant Is the Father with us?

People **He is.**

Celebrant Is Christ among us?

People **He is.**

Celebrant Is the Spirit here?

People **He is.**

Celebrant This our God.

People **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant We are His people.

People **We are redeemed.**

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 our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world. Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family, for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to you O Lord most high. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks: he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

All **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks: he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in the remembrance of me."

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

Celebrant We are brothers and sisters through his blood.
All **We have died together, We will rise together, We will live together.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

All **Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant This is the feast of victory.

All **The lamb who was slain has begun his reign. 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 Christ is alive for ever.

All **We are because he is.**

Celebrant We are one body.

All **We share one bread.**

Celebrant Draw near with faith.

All **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

The Communion

(All baptized Christians regardless of denomination are welcome at the Lord's Table)

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

Celebrant Those joining from home may say the prayer which appears on your screen.

The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you). The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Communion Music

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar, arr. L. Buckley

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 can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Altar, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Celebrant All our problems

All **We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant All our difficulties

All **We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant All the devil's works

All **We send to the cross of Christ**

Celebrant All our hopes

All **We set on the risen Christ**

Celebrant Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #374 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;

**Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.**

**Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day;
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne.
Thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

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Dismissal

Postlude

Three Spirituals

Traditional, arr. Barnes

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Gwen and Bill by Pam, Doug and family.

SHARING IN MINISTRY TODAY

GOSPEL READER: Judith Robinson

LAY ASSISTANTS: Brenda Boerè, Gary Moore

LAY READERS: Joanne Collier, Charis Legg

MUSICIANS: Bridge Brass - Karly Lewis, French Horn, Andrew Manzara, Tuba
Ken Lewis, Don Rob, Trumpets, Rene van de vendel, Euphonium;
Senior Choir

SERVERS: Nicole Macdonald

SIDESPEOPLE: Chris Fyfe, Ken Dorchak

SANCTUARY GUILD

TECHNICAL CREW: Sound: David Hignell, Drusilla Pearson;
Videography: Kimoya Edwards, Orion Legg

Rector	The Rev. Steve Bateman
Associate Priest	The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge
Children & Family Ministries	Wendy Doherty
Music Director	Joanne Collier
Organist	Mary Lee Voort
Administrative Assistant	Rachelle Wiebe
Vergers	Michael Larsen and Greg Young
Rector's Warden	Sylvia Besplug
Assistant Rector's Warden	Harriet Edwards
People's Warden	Doug McLaughlin
Assistant People's Warden	Jose Samayoa
Deputy Warden (Worship)	Karen Hudson
Deputy Warden (Caring & Outreach)	Sharon Dueck
Deputy Warden (Fellowship)	Karen Hammond
Deputy Warden (Discipleship & Evangelism Adult)	Chris Burton
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