

The Church of the Ascension

in the City of New York
FIFTH AVENUE AT TENTH STREET



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome Back Sunday

September 20, 2026

THE HOLY EUCHARIST
Nine O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Music
Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Magnificat tertii toni (verse 2)
Heinreich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God
People *Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal, S-280

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 The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the

Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." (16:2-15)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

(The Psalm is chanted alternating verses with the cantor.)



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his / Name; *
make known his deeds among / the peoples.

*Sing to him, sing praises to / him, **
and speak of all his mar-/ velous works.

Glory in his holy / Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the / Lord rejoice.

*Search for the Lord and his / strength; **
continually / seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has / done, *
his wonders and the judgments / of his mouth,

*O offspring of Abraham his / servant, **
O children of Jacob / his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and / gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one / that stumbled.

*Egypt was glad of their / going, **
because they were a-/ fraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a / covering *

and a fire to give light in the / night season.
*They asked, and quails ap-/ peared, **
and he satisfied them with bread / from heaven.
 He opened the rock, and water / flowed, *
 so the river ran in the / dry places.
*For God remembered his / holy word **
and Abraham / his servant.
 So he led forth his people with / gladness, *
 his chosen with / shouts of joy.
*He gave his people the lands of the / nations, **
and they took the fruit of / others' toil,
 That they might keep his / statutes *
 and observe his laws. Ha-/ llelujah!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

(1:21-30)

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

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Edwin Chinery

The Nicene Creed

(All stand)

(All stand and say together)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.

Prayers of the People

(*adapted from
Common Worship, Times and Seasons*)

Leader Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the world: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the wondrous variety of animal life.

Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect, care and gratitude; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature. God of life:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth; give us the will and wisdom to cherish this planet, sharing its resources equitably and sustainably for the welfare of all. God of justice:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to be your heart and hands in the world: for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Matthew and Allen our bishops, and for this parish community. Fill us with courage and compassion as we care for your Creation, both human and non-human. God of grace:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for the whole human family. We rejoice in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us, and form your Beloved community among us. As every person is known and loved by you, may we love and honor each other. We pray for those you have commended to our care: JoEllen, Shirley, Grace,

John, Dori, Tamene, James, Janet, Eileen, Marleny del Socorro Cardona, Jimenez family, Mickey, Vaughn, Jim, Shadi, Dolores, and Natalie as well as all detained at Delaney Hall, those who recently lost their TPS status, and for all refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers; for all impacted by wildfires around the world, and for all fire fighters. We pray for all impacted by the flooding in Nepal and at the Grand Canyon. God of compassion:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We pray for those who have died especially Sirkka Kyle, Dolly Parton, Tim Curry, Wendell Berry, Cassandra Wilson, Gloria Steinem, Sliman Mansour, the Rev. Dr. Ronald Young, and Annie Dillard. We entrust them to your eternal love; may we also support and comfort those who mourn. God of peace:

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Minister and 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.

(The priest says the absolution)

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence:
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux.*

*Répands sur nous le feu de Ta grâce puissante;
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de Ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de Tes lois!*

*Ô Christ! sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour Te bénir maintenant rassemblé;
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à Ta gloire immortelle,
Et de Tes dons qu'il retourne comblé.*

Word of the Highest, our only hope,
Eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!

Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!

O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people
Now gathered here to praise you;
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship 1

(The people stand while the offerings are presented)

Sursum corda

Hymnal, S-120

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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The people stand or kneel, and the priest continues.)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your

willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with [____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

All 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal, S-163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world
 Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world
 Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world
 Grant us peace.

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The Communion of the People

(The celebrant says the following invitation)

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.

*All are welcome at God's table. as directed by the ushers. All are
welcome. You are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.*

Communion Anthem

"Sing my soul"
Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still to us extends his grace.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home;
trust his love for all to come.

Hymn 339

Schmücke dich

Post-Communion Prayer

(All say together)

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us
with Christ and one another; and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 437

Birmingham

Dismissal

(The congregation is dismissed, and the people respond)

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, op. 7

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

WELCOME to the Church of the Ascension! We're glad to have you worship with us, and hope that you have experienced the peace and presence of Christ in this place. Please join us for refreshments following the 11 am service. If you'd like to learn more about our parish, please fill out the card in your pew and give it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

Announcements

If you do not receive our weekly eBulletin, please contact the parish office at 212-254-8620 or info@ascensionnyc.org.

Welcome Back Sunday – Today our wonderful choir returns under the direction of our new Music Director, Dr. Alexander Little—featuring old friends and talented new voices. We'll greet them and each other with ***special coffee hour treats*** in the Parish Hall following the service. We will also hear from parish groups how everyone can get involved.

Season of Creation: This is Climate Week at the UN and Greenfaith is holding two events at Ascension to organize faith communities for climate justice. You are welcome to join either or both!

- Tuesday, September 22 | 10:00 am–11:30 am
GreenFaith in NY: Building Our Next Chapter
- Wednesday, September 23 | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Faiths Rising: Building a Global Multi-Faith Mobilization for April 2027

Light lunch provided.

20's & 30's Dinner, Thursday, September 24; 6:30 p.m. All Ascensionites in their 20's and 30's are invited to gather for food and conversation on Thursday, September 24 (and every 4th Thursday)

in the Parish Hall. The menu is forthcoming, but your contributions of sides, beverages and other inspirations are welcome. If you can, please call the parish office (212-254-8620) or email info@ascensionnyc.org to let us know you are coming so we can prepare accurately. Friends are very welcome! We look forward to seeing you!

Ascension Forum Next Sunday, September 27: a Conversation with Alex Little. Come hear from our new Director of Music about his journey to Ascension and his hopes for his ministry among us.

Weekday Zoom Adult Small Group: Learn, Pray, and Grow Together! Starting in October, join us on a weekday evening, 8:00–9:30 PM, via Zoom. Vote for your favorite book or topic and your preferred meeting day during Coffee Hour, or submit your interest online: <https://bit.ly/46qkxpe>

Save the Date: October 1, 7 pm in the Ascension Parish Hall- Talking About Christian Zionism with Dr. Mark Braverman. He will bring key texts from Scripture to bear on the church's mission to stand with the oppressed, as we wrestle together with issues such as these: God's promises, Christian Zionism, the call of the Palestinian Christians, and Christian-Jewish relations in the age of Gaza. This event is co-sponsored with the NYC Chapter of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship-Palestine Justice Network. Please register here: <https://bit.ly/4dCXkDZ>

Blessing of the Animals; Feast of St. Francis – We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis - the saint who preached to the birds and called a wolf his brother –with the blessing of the animals following the 11 a.m. service in two weeks, Sunday, October 4. The blessing will be around 12:30, giving those who live nearby a chance to go and get their animals; however, you are also welcome to bring well-behaved pets to church that day. Tell your friends!

Flowers for Church - Sponsoring flowers for the Sunday service is a great way to remember loved ones now past and to celebrate joyful moments in life. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please email the parish administrator (info@ascensionnyc.org) or call the church office (212-254-8620). Please indicate the date you would like to sponsor them.

Long Term Prayer List- Pray for Alejandro and Jesus, Barbara, Brielle, Dorothy, Elaine, Ellen, Hannah, Judith, Jurek, Lucas, Stewart, Jen, Bishop Gretchen, Alice & the Kisiya family, Jennifer, Ketty, Sara,

William Wynter, Eric, Eileen, Rural & Migrant Ministry, and New York Haiti Project and the St. Luke's Episcopal School in Martel. We remember all who have been killed by ICE, or died in custody this year: Alex Pretti, Renee Good, Keith Porter, Geraldo Lunas Campos, Victor Manuel Diaz, Heber Sánchez Domínguez, Parady La, Luis Beltrán Yáñez-Cruz, Luis Gustavo Núñez Cáceres, Lorth Sim, Jairo Garcia-Hernandez, Alberto Gutierrez-Reyes, Emmanuel Clifford Damas, Pejman Karshenas Najafabadi, Mohammad Nazeer Paktyawal, Royer Perez-Jimenez, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, and Joan Sebastian Guerrero. We pray especially for a just peace in Iran, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Cuba, and in our own country.



Giving Liberates the Soul of the Giver- It's not too late to pledge! The materials are in the back of the church; please take them if you are interested. We would love for everyone to pledge! If you are not able to make a regular commitment, we warmly invite you to give as you are able, one time or whenever you are here. Thank you for your generosity, and may it be liberating for your soul! To pay your pledge, please continue using Abundant (ascensionnyc.org/give)

Immigration Legal Support Fund – Our diocese has started an Immigration Legal Support Fund to support immigrant families in our congregations and neighborhoods throughout the Diocese of New York. The Legal Fund will help those navigating immigration under urgent and vulnerable circumstances to access legal resources. We're starting with a \$50,000 contribution from the Bishop's discretionary funds. Help us to match this amount to keep families together. With your support, we can do more so that no one faces the system alone. Your contribution makes possible same-day response, family preparedness, limited-scope appearances, and urgent filings. You can contribute here: <http://bit.ly/3lv3OJ4>. To learn more about the Immigration Legal Support Fund, go to Sanctuary Legal Fund - The Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Your Pantry Program Needs You! Ascension Outreach Inc. needs additional volunteer participation. The program is robust and developing in some great ways- and we need more hands-on help. Won't you consider helping strengthen our service to our neighbors?

Upcoming pantry dates: September 26 & October 3 & 17. If

you have questions or wish to join us, please contact Fr. Ed:
fatherchinery@ascensionnyc.org, or 732-910-7017.

Parish Activities

Sunday – September 20 – Welcome Back Sunday

Holy Eucharist (Side Altar) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

In person and online (Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday)

Festive Coffee Hour (Parish Hall) after the 11:00 service

Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Monday – September 21

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Lectionary Bible Study (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday – September 22

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday – September 23

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – September 24

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

20's & 30's Dinner (Parish Hall) 6:30 p.m.

Friday – September 25

Church open for prayer & meditation; Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer (Zoom) 5:30 p.m.

Saturday – September 26

Food Pantry (12 W 11th St.) 8:30 a.m.

*For food assistance or to volunteer, please contact Fr. Ed
(fatherchinery@ascensionnyc.org).*

Sunday – September 27

Holy Eucharist (Side Altar) 9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist with Music (Church) 11:00 a.m.

In person and online (Ascensionnyc.org/Sunday)
Coffee Hour (Parish Hall) after the 11:00 service
Meditation & Sacrament (Church) 6:00 p.m.

Mask wearing is optional. Masks are available in the narthex. Hand sanitizer stations are also available for your use. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and watch us via our livestream.

Rota for September 20

9:00 a.m.

Server June Fait

11:00 a.m.

Altar Guild Yunjeong McSeol, Isabel Spencer

Ushers Steve Hubbard, Hannibal Insfran,
Laurence Rawlins

Lectors Vin Knight, Isabel Spencer

Intercessor Barabara Matovu

Server Yunjeong McSeol

Crucifer Richard Mitchell

Torches Mike Surabian, Tom Rice

Chalice Bearers Lisa Dunn, Candace Lombardi

Counter

Rota for September 27

9:00 a.m.

Server Rachel Sedor

11:00 a.m.

Altar Guild Candace Lombardi, Isabel Spencer

Ushers Charles Schmidt, Barbara Matovu,
John Merryman

Lectors James Donegan, Libby Fosmire

Intercessor Daniel Cole

Server Richard Mitchell

Crucifer James Amodeo

Torches Yunjeong McSeol, Tom Rice

Chalice Bearers Isabel Spencer, Rusty Moore

Counter Ned Fitch

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays Holy Eucharist (Side Altar) 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist with Music (Church) 11 a.m.
Livestream (ascensionnyc.org/webcasts)
Sunday Meditation & Sacrament, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.
Weeknight Evening Prayer, 5:30 p.m. (ascensionnyc.org/eveningprayer)

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Elizabeth G. Maxwell, *Rector*
The Rev. Edwin Chinery, *Associate Rector*
Yunjeong McSeol, *Intern*
Dr. Alexander Little, *Music Director*
The Rev. Deacon Br. Andrew Jones, OSF, *Parish Administrator*
Kelli Long, *Business Manager*
Sajia Choudhury, *Sr. Full Charge Bookkeeper*
Dwight Roberts, *Head Sexton*
Raydiant Blacknall, *Assistant Sexton*
Jamel Blacknall, *Part-time Sexton*

Vestry

Vin Knight, *Warden (Class of 27)*; David Cholcher, *Warden (Class of 28)*
Mary Gaillard, *Treasurer*; Eloise Williams, *Clerk*; Charles E. Schmidt, *Chancellor*
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Entrance Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things
he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings,
safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that
is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now
with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

Lobe den Herren

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Gradual Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner,
and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

469 There's a wideness in God's mercy

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.

St. Helena

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Communion Hymn

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
come into the daylight's splendor,
there with joy thy praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
hath this wondrous banquet founded—
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten;
Light, who dost my soul enlighten;
Joy, the best that any knoweth;
Fount, whence all my being floweth:

339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven,
for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
let me gladly here obey thee;
never to my hurt invited,
be thy love with love requited;
from this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
through the gifts thou here dost give me,
as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Schmücke dich

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Exit Hymn**437 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord****Birmingham**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age the same;
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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