



# CHRIST CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Evening Prayer, Year A*

**09 August, 2020**

**ONLINE SERVICE ONLY - 6:00 PM**

**Prelude** We walk by faith Gordon Slater

**Hymn** O worship the King (stanzas 1, 2, 5) **Hymnal 388**

## **The Acclamation**

*Celebrant* The hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him.

*- John 4:23*

*All* **Amen.**

*Celebrant* O God, make speed to save us.

*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Hymn of Praise** **Hymnal 414**

**Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b** *Confitemini Domino* **BCP p. 738**

## The First Reading

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him

*Reader*

from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*Reader*  
*All*

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

## The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

*Reader* A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

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

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Celebrant* Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*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.**

*Celebrant* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Jennifer; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Reader*      **This week we pray especially for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane of Rwanda and the Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda - Archbishop of L'Eglise Episcopal of Rwanda and Bishop of Shyira. In our diocese we remember Church of the Epiphany in Flagstaff.**

*Celebrant* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Reader*      **This week we especially remember those who take counsel for the nations of the world, those in government, and those who care for the neediest of our fellow citizens.**

*Celebrant*    I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Reader*      **We remember especially those sick from the novel coronavirus and those on our parish prayer list, including Bonnie S., Nancy M., Pat T., Peggy C., and Tom C.**

*Celebrant*    I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Reader*      **We remember those preparing for baptism and other sacraments of unity with Christ's body that have been delayed by the current order of life, may their unity be found in Christ who knows no limits.**

*Celebrant*    I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Herman of Alaska, Lawrence, Clare, Florence Nightingale, Jeremy Taylor, and Jonathan Myrick Daniels. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Reader*     **We remember all departed from our own congregation.**

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

*I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*Silence*

*Celebrant*     Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*     Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All*             **Amen.**

## **The Collect for Evening**

**BCP 124**

*Celebrant*     Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

*All*             **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## The General Thanksgiving

BCP 125

*All* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## The Blessing

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

*All* Amen.

**Hymn** O Master, let me walk with thee **Hymnal 660**

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