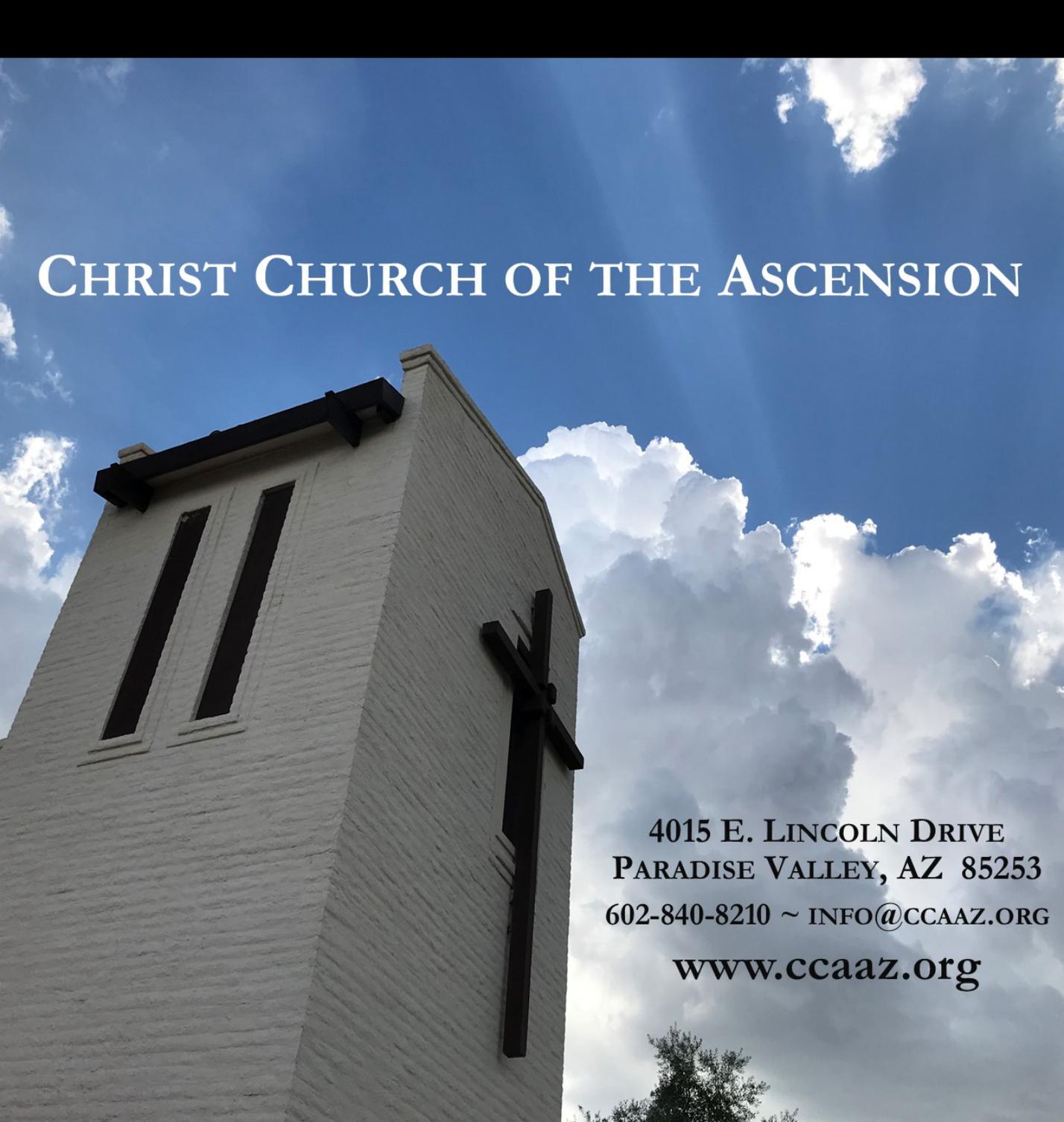


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KNOW CHRIST, LOVE CHRIST, SERVE CHRIST

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Rite II Morning Prayer, Year B

15 August, 2021

Online Morning Prayer Service - 9:00 am

Prelude Now the silence, now the peace Carl Schalk

Hymn **I am the bread of life** (stanzas 1, 2, & 5) **Hymnal 335**

Celebrant Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. – *Psalm 19:14*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, open our lips.

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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

Alleluia.

Celebrant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

All **Come let us adore him.**

Gloria

Hymnal 408

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

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Reader A reading from The First Book of Kings.

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

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Reader

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:15-20

Reader A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 6:51-58

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

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

Celebrant Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant As a mother setting food before her hungry children, God satisfies our most basic needs and our deepest longings. Confident that we have a solicitous God, we pray now for our church and our world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader Because we need to be nourished by your word and sacrament, we pray for our church that we might both be willing to eat of your food and drink of your wine and in turn be food and drink for one another. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Because we live in evil days and often act like fools, we pray that our world may not continue in ignorance but discern what is truly good and just. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Because we are prone to be competitive and unconcerned about one another, we pray for all political leaders that we might find in them examples of generous service and self-forgetfulness. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.** (continued)

Reader Because there are so many poor and hungry people in our world, we pray that we may be generous in giving, compassionate in serving, and sensitive in understanding the needs of others. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Because our world is pervaded by a spirit of skepticism and mistrust, we pray for unbelievers that they may find us to be confident people who know that God does indeed have a plan for our world. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray for those who are suffering, especially Tony A., Cynthia B., Tom C., Suzanne F., Deborah L., Dave P., Brian R., Jerree S., Jerry S., the Sherer family, the Tanner family, Tom T., and the V. Artac family. May they know your gracious love and experience your healing hand. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader Because we have often been nourished and supported by many relatives and friends who have preceded us in death, especially Kathryn and Pat; we pray that they may live in peace and be mindful of us who still struggle to live the Christian life. In faith we pray to you, O God.

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant All loving God, the source of all good gifts, we praise and thank you for your provident care. Hear the prayers we have made in faith. As a gracious father, feed us with the bread of life so we might abide with you forever. We make this prayer as always through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 All people that on earth do dwell (stanzas 1 - 4)

Hymnal 377

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