

Church of the Ascension

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Second Sunday After the Epiphany

Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Follow Christ + Develop and Deepen Faith + Love and Serve

Church of the Ascension Seattle rests on the traditional homelands of the Duwamish people. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

Prelude Siciliano, from Sonata No. 2 - J. S. Bach Carol Wollenberg, flute

Welcome to Ascension!

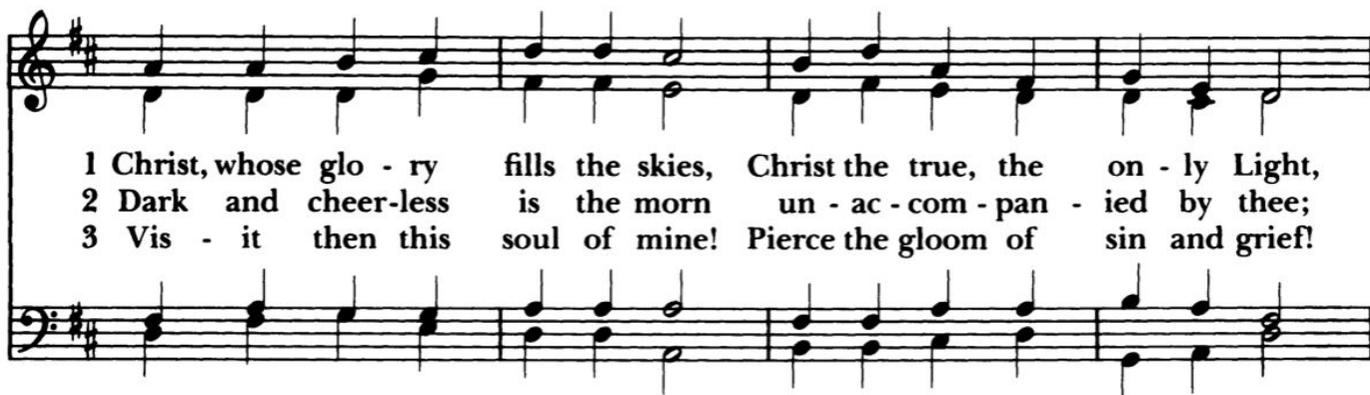
Please stand when the bell is rung, signaling the beginning of worship.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

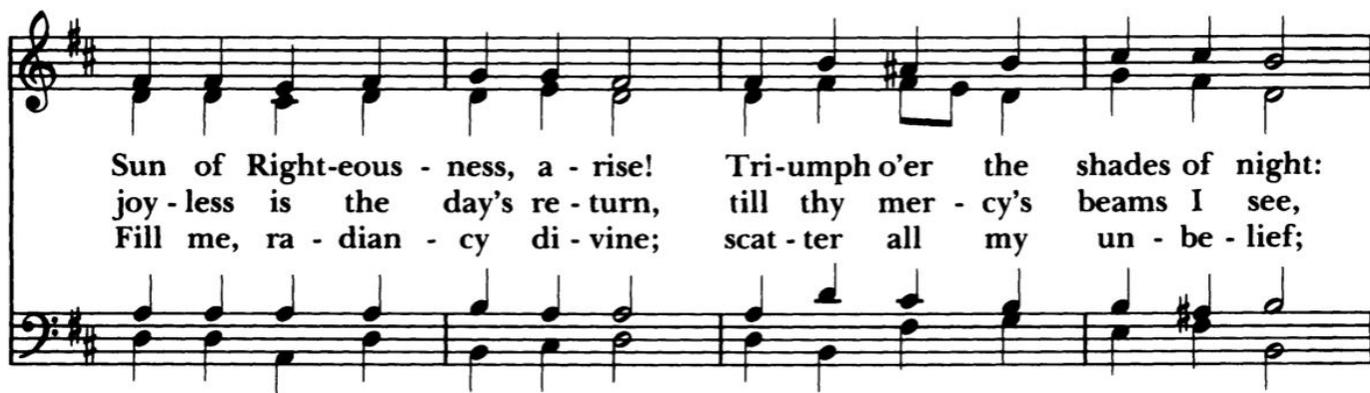
Presider Blessed are you, holy, and living One.
People **You come to the people and set them free.**

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, and with Christ, and in Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn # 7 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies, vv. 1, 3



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

**You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

**My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *

how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

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.

All stand for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Acclamation

arr. Thomas Pavlechko

Descant



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The Holy Gospel:

John 1:43-51

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

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

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

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All are seated for the preaching,

Sermon

The Rev. William MacDonald Murray,
Retired rector, newcomer to Ascension

Silence and stillness follow for reflection.

The Nicene Creed *Said in unison*

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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

Let us turn to the God incarnate.

A brief silence.

We praise the light that you, our Creator, shine to give us hope in dark times. We ask that we may enlighten ourselves and all we meet to the power of your love. Incarnate God, **Manifest your hope in us.**

We praise you, Jesus, for your self-sacrifice. We ask that you empower your church, its leaders, and its people to risk themselves in service to our neighbors. Praying the words spoken by MLK Jr. in 1967, "I must confess, my friends, that the road ahead will not always be smooth. There will be rocky places of frustration. There will be inevitable setbacks here and there. There will be those moments when the buoyancy of hope will be transformed into the fatigue of despair. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted. . . .But difficult and painful as it is, we must walk on in the days ahead with an audacious faith in the future." Incarnate God, **Manifest your love through us.**

We praise you, O God of all people, for your command that we care for your creation and work to build your Kingdom on earth. We ask that you inspire our governmental leaders to work for a compassionate, just, and loving world. Incarnate God, **Manifest your justice through us.**

We praise you, Holy Trinity, for the message of renewal and reconciliation that is the Gospel of Jesus, the Anointed. We ask for the courage to proclaim this message with boldness, patience and humility. Incarnate God, **Manifest your message with our voices.**

We praise you, God, for the lives of all people, especially for those we have lost. We ask you to manifest your comforting presence to all who mourn, and that, in the end, you shall gather all into your loving embrace. Incarnate God,

Let us now offer prayers for those joys, worries, or sorrows that fill our hearts today:

Let us share our prayers of intercession either silently, or in the chat.

A Prayer for Birthdays (Barb Thompson, Peter Voelker, Don Fornoff, Connor and Lucas turning 10 yrs old)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Together, let us pray:

Creator, inspire our faith. Jesus, our brother, lead us in your way of compassion and justice. Holy Spirit, light our way, so that we may manifest your love and truth in each day of our lives.

The Peace

Presider	The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Offertory The People Who In Darkness Walked

text: J. Morison; music: The CL Psalmes of David (1615)

The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light; on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night. His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored, and Wonderful, the Counsellor, the mighty God and Lord.

(played on a Story & Clark pump organ, built around 1900)

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion *Said in unison*

**We are the gathered body of Christ walking in this world in Love.
We are the miracle of Love made Flesh.**

Blessing

Saint Clare

*Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.
Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.*

Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Allegro, from Sonata No. 2 - J. S. Bach Carol Wollenberg, flute

Coffee Hour follows this Prayer Service on Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83946950580>

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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