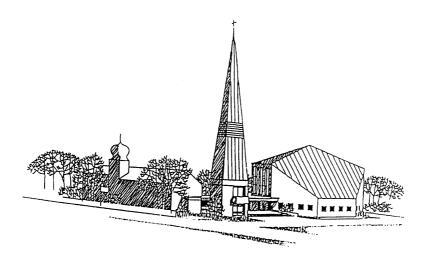
The Holy Eucharist

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The Church of the Ascension

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023 12.00 p.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

A warm welcome to all!

Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom

for the duration of this service.

The Ringing of the Bells

ORGAN PRELUDE

All are invited to stand

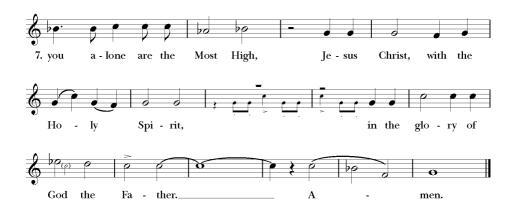


CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant and People together

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 Savior. Amen.





The Collect of the Day

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| People | And also with you. |

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen

All are invited to be seated

The Lessons

The First Reading Isaiah 51:1-6

Read in German by Reimar Volker

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; iou and gladness will be found in her

joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm 138

Led by Reimar Volker

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *

O Lord, your love endures for ever;

do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Reading | Romans 12:1-8 Read by Maria Ramadori-Volker

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gospel Hymn | *Rise up, ye saints of God* Hymn 551 (the hymn will be played once before singing) +Þ God! Have with less - er Rise ye saints of done things, give 1 up, God! 2 Rise up, ve saints of His king dom tar - ries long: Lord, 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and 0 soul and mind and strength to heart and serve the King of kings. night of bring the dav of truth and love and end the wrong. quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise saints of God! up, ve o. ∙⊧⊧ ρ.

The Gospel | Matthew 16:13-20

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

Silence may be kept.

All are invited to stand

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Led by Helen Riegert

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially, Mark our bishop, and Dan and Ali our priests; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray today especially for That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; we remember today Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray in thanksgiving for and; We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Celebrant

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; Give us strength to love as you love, to give as you have given, and to bless as you have blessed. For you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

General Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

The Celebrant and People together

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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please greet only those in your vicinity by reverently bowing and without moving into the aisles.

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Daniel R. Morrow

The Offertory

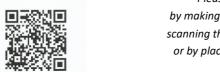
Offertory Sentence:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

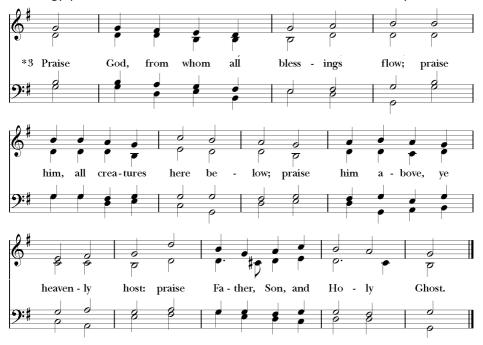
Hymnal 380

Offertory Music



Please offer your gifts to God by making a bank transfer (EUR or USD), scanning this QR code in your PayPal app, or by placing your offering in the plate.

Doxology | From all that dwell below the skies



The Great Thanksgiving

| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
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| 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 God thanks and praise. |
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The celebrant continues

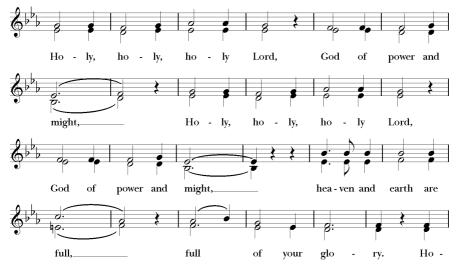
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

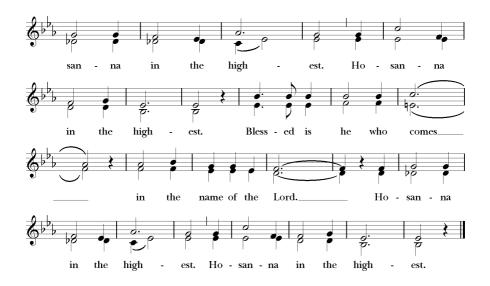
Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from "Deutsche Messe")

Hymnal S130





The celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN

The celebrant continues

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

Celebrant and People

Vater unser im Himmel Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, geheiligt werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. thy kingdom come, thy will be done. Dein Wille geschehe, on earth as it is in heaven. wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Give us this day our daily bread. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. And forgive us our trespasses, Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, as we forgive those wie auch wir vergeben who trespass against us. unsern Schuldigern. And lead us not into temptation, Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, but deliver us from evil. sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit for ever and ever. Amen. in Ewigkeit. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the banquet of Christ. In His kingdom there are no outcasts. Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion with Those Worshiping Online

Celebrant and People

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

Notes for Those Making a Physical Communion

- We maintain a system of one-way flows. Please remain in your seat until an usher invites you to move forward up the center aisle.
- For those with gluten allergies, gluten-free communion wafers are available. Simply ask the priest as communion is offered to you.
- After receiving the bread, the chalice will be offered. Following convocation guidelines, intinction (dipping) is not allowed. Please know that the church has always taught that communion in one kind is a full and valid communion. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, you may touch the chalice as a sign of reverence, stop and bow to the chalice, or simply return to your seat down the side aisle.

Communion Music

Feel free to remain seated during the Communion hymn

Communion Hymn | This is my Father's world

Hymn 651

(the hymn will be played once before singing)



The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Hymn 649

Closing Hymn | *O Jesus, joy of loving hearts* (the hymn will be played once before singing)



The Sending and Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you forever. Amen.

Priest: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Postlude

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Please join us in the Gemeindesaal (parish hall) for refreshments and fellowship following the worship service.



Ascension Announcements

For August 27, 2023

LADIES' SUMMER GATHERING, SUNDAY 27TH AUG. 14:30 (Today!) All ladies are warmly invited to join in fellowship at

Harlachinger Einkehr

Karolingerallee 34, 81545 München

on 27th August after our church service. Weather-permitting we will meet in the beer garden, otherwise we shall book a table for inside. Please join us for a casual gathering where we can relax and reconnect. Whether you are a long-time member of our community or new to our congregation, all ladies are welcome. Please let Joan Case know if you plan to attend by email micase@gmx.net or in person. Transport from church can be arranged.

ROOTED IN ABUNDANCE - FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Have you made a financial commitment to Church of the Ascension for 2023? If not, here is your chance to respond with gratitude for the many blessings in your life and make a commitment of financial support for the rest of the year. Pledge cards are available in the narthex (foyer). Please take one and turn it into the office or into the offering plate. We receive no money from the state or any other external body, depending solely on the generous support of our members and friends. If you are not yet a committed financial supporter of the church, we ask you to prayerfully consider giving to God and God's church.

REGATHERING SUNDAY - SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

It is a great thing to remember that God is active in our church, transforming us through the power of the Holy Spirit! The vestry, wardens and clergy want to celebrate all of God's work in our midst with you! Join us for the Regathering Sunday Celebration this year on September 17th. Representatives from all of our ministries will be on hand to share information about their groups and showcase service opportunities and ways to support their work. Light finger foods will be served alongside our normal coffee and cake. Please mark this day on your calendar and join us for a time of celebration and praise for all that God is doing in the many ministries of our church.

EfM – EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Details can be found here: https://www.ascension-munich.org/adult-formation

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR – HELP NEEDED

If you know someone who might be interested in helping our community with administration support in a paid part-time role, please invite them to read the information via the link below and respond as requested: https://de.indeed.com/jobs?q=parish&l=m%C3%BCnchen&vjk=d7263ece84797f7e

OUR THRIVING COMMUNITY – DIRECTORY UPDATE

Recognizing that the Church of the Ascension community is changing, and what a blessing that is, the Vestry has decided to update the Parish Directory. We wish to refresh the information provided back in 2021 and include all our new members. An email was sent out to those on the current email list. Only if you have not received an email, please click on the QR code below to access the link. We kindly ask **everyone** to provide the information requested, as well as your consent to include it in the directory, which is published in the Members' Access on the church website by **6th September**.



For those who have any issues with the link please contact office@ascension-munich.com

For those who have no possibility of using a QR code, there will be a few paper copies on the Ushers' table. Thank you for your support.

EMMAUSKIRCHE ROOF REPAIRS

Work has recently started on examination of the roof of the Emmauskirche in advance of future repairs. Some of the inner cladding has been removed so that inspections can be carried out but everything has been left in a safe condition and worship services will continue without restriction.

OUTSIDE EVENTS

Please check the following links for more details on:

CAEGG (Council of Anglican and Episcopal Churches in Germany)

Defending Democracy: the role of the churches in the democratic process, especially within the EU <u>https://www.ascension-munich.org/caegg</u>

COW DOWN (Viehscheid) in Immenstadt

An opportunity to spend some time together in the countryside and visit the Viehscheid (a.k.a. Almabtrieb, a.k.a. "Cow Down") at Immenstadt in the Allgäu, 150 km from Munich.

https://www.ascension-munich.org/cow-down

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT GUIDELINES

In order to promote clarity and streamline communications we have developed new guidelines for parish announcements. You can find them here: https://www.ascension-munich.org/our-policies

REV DAN and REV ALI ARE AWAY

(In the event of a pastoral emergency during this time, the Senior Warden, David Case) September 8-9: CAEGG in Frankfurt-am-Main

CONVOCATION CYCLE OF PRAYER

Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers and all Lay Licensed Ministers http://www.tec-europe.org/

WORSHIP

Calling for Volunteers

Would you like to get more involved at church? We really need volunteers to help out with Altar Guild, Ushers/Greeters and the Tech Team. If you are interested, or if you want more information, please contact Carol Forrester for Altar Guild: carol.forrester@web.de Mary Wulf for Ushers/Greeters: mary.wulf1@googlemail.com Steve Knowles for Tech Team: stephen.knowles@gmx.de

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| Aug 27 | Ladies' Summer Gathering |
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| Sep 8-9 | CAEGG Defending Democracy, Frankfurt |
| Sep 16 | "Cow Down" (Viehscheid) in Immenstadt |
| Sep 17 | Regathering Sunday |
| Sep 23 | Mikado, Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) 19.30 |
| Sep 24 | Mikado, Parish Hall (Gemeindesaal) 14:30 |
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RECURRING EVENTS

| Sundays, 12.00 p.m. | Sunday Service with Holy Communion |
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| | [In-person and Zoom] Meeting ID: 981 4626 5752, Passcode: 81545 |
| Tuesdays, 8.30 a.m. | Morning Prayer, followed by Morning Coffee |
| | Meeting ID: 962 1336 7534, Passcode: 614400 |
| Thursdays, 8.00 p.m. | Compline, room opens at 7:45 p.m. |
| | Meeting ID: 956 2921 7065, Passcode: 613701 |

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

Emmauskirche, Laurinplatz, 81545 Munich-Harlaching

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (In-person and Online)

Tuesdays

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer followed by 9:10 a.m. Morning Coffee (Both <u>online</u>)

Thursdays

8:00 p.m. Compline, room is open at 7:45 p.m. (Online)

In a pastoral emergency, please contact the Reverend Dan Morrow at +49 (1515) 330-8266 or <u>revdanmorrow@gmail.com</u>

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joachim Zeller safeguardingofficer@ascension-munich.com or +49 162 607 4384

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Other Episcopal/Anglican Worship Services in Bavaria

ST. BONIFACE, AUGSBURG (Meets in the Evangelisch-Lutherische Auferstehungskirche, Garmischer Str. 2a) 4:30 p.m. Church Service every Sunday | *Website*: <u>www.stboniface.de</u>

ST. JAMES THE LESS, NUREMBERG

(Meets in St. Jakob Kirche, Jakobsplatz 1)

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month) | Website: saintjames.info

For all other congregations of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe see here