

# The Holy Eucharist

Gathered and Livestream



## The Church of the Ascension *Munich*

The Twenty-Fourth

Sunday after Pentecost

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***Rooted in Abundance***

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

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*A warm welcome to all!*

***Please keep your microphones muted on Zoom  
for the duration of this service.***

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The Ringing of the Bells

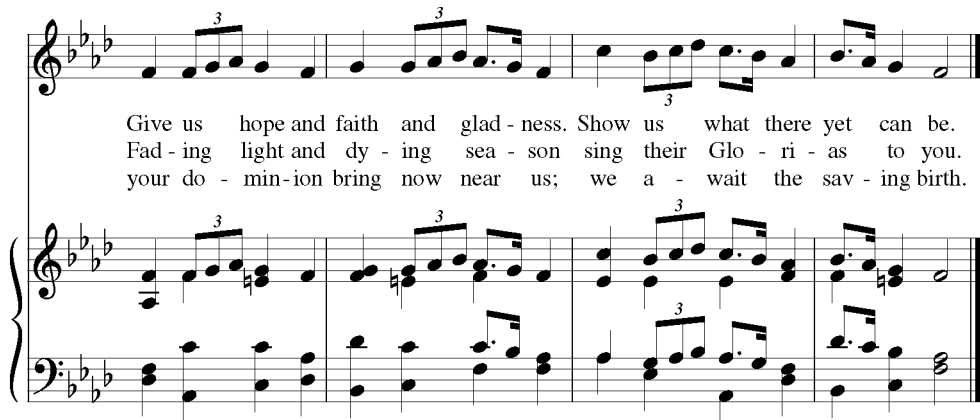
ORGAN PRELUDE

*All are invited to stand*

1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad-ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad-ing light and dy-ing sea-son sing their Glo-ri-as to you.  
 your do-min-ion bring now near us; we a-wait the sav-ing birth.

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

*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

# Glory to God |

# Hymn S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 | Amos 5:18-24

*Read in German by Daniel Menzel*

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:  
 Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!  
 Why do you want the day of the Lord?  
 It is darkness, not light;  
 as if someone fled from a lion,  
 and was met by a bear;  
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
 and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

**Psalm** | Deus, in adjutorium

*Led by Chrissie Grant*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say forever,  
"Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O Lord, do not tarry.



We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel Hymn | "Thy kingdom come" on bended knees

Hymn 615

1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;

1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near;  
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

## The Gospel | Matthew 25:1-13

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*         Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*         Praise 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 Martin Shedd*

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.  
You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,  
sight to the blind,  
freedom to captives  
and salvation to your people:  
anoint us with your Spirit;  
rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit  
*All bring* in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor  
and freedom to the oppressed.  
Father, by your Spirit  
bring in your kingdom.  
Send us to tell the world  
the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit  
*All bring* in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit  
*All bring* in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here  
for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit  
*All bring* in your kingdom.

Lord of the Church,  
*All hear* our prayer,  
and make us one in mind and heart  
to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen.  
*All Amen.*

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And 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**

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem *Quinque prudentes virgenes / N. Izawa***

*The five wise virgins took oil in their vessels with the lamps:  
and at midnight there was a cry made:  
Behold the bridegroom cometh.  
Go ye forth to meet Christ the Lord*



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\*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The communion wine has been dedicated by Laura Smith in loving memory of Samuel Smith who would have celebrated his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday today.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 3*

**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**

All thanks and praise

are yours at all times and in all places,  
 our true and loving God;  
 through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
 the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
 You laid the foundations of the world  
 and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
 You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
 and gave breath to humankind.  
 Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
 all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
 And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
 we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
 as we sing with joy:

Sanctus | Holy, holy, holy Lord (from “Deutsche Messe”) Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes





Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

*Celebrant and People*

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

*Celebrant*

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

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.

Vater unser im Himmel  
geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme.  
Dein Wille geschehe,  
wie im Himmel so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.

Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben  
unsern Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem  
Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich  
und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit  
in Ewigkeit. Amen.

### *Celebrant and People*

#### 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 Anthem My heart is filled with thankfulness / Arr. M. Ijames

(Feel free to remain seated during the Communion Hymn.)

**Communion Hymn** | *My God, thy table now is spread*

Hymn 321

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

**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.

**Closing Hymn | All my hope on God is founded**

Hymn 665



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my  
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -  
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom  
 \*4 Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on  
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he  
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we  
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -  
 4 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de -  
 5 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -  
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's  
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - e -  
 4 ligh - teth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth  
 5 prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son. Christ doth



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.  
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.  
 3 rmore from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.  
 4 stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.  
 5 call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

**The Sending and Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

*Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* Thanks be to God.

**Organ Postlude**