## **GRACE CHURCH** IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.



## THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

~ FESTAL CHORAL EUCHARIST ~  $_{\rm Rite II}$ 

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 10:00 AM

## WELCOME!



Happy Easter! That's a greeting that works on Easter Day up to the Feast of Pentecost. Another Easter greeting appropriate for the day and season is, "Christ is risen!" to which one replies, "He is risen indeed." In the Christian East, this greeting is especially common, not only in church but if you greet a friend in the bakery or post office. We might not use it as much in the West, but, as Christians, we should always have that message in our hearts, any day of the year. So welcome to Grace Church, Happy Easter, and Alleluia, Christ is risen!

> The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+ Rector

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service. Thank you and welcome!

#### A NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE:

This morning we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which officially occurs 40 days after Christ's resurrection (this year Ascension Day was on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>). A church's "feast of title" can be transferred to the nearest Sunday. Churches named "Grace" don't technically have a "feast of title" but historically have adopted Ascension Day. There is precedent at Grace Church for this, dating to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1913, the first Ascension Day with the newly added Chancel designed by Ralph Adams Cram. From *A History of Grace Church:* "Ascension Day, May 1, saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the rector] Dr. Crowder's heart, namely the observance of that festival as 'Grace Church Day,' comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints' Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint." This is all the more appropriate as the great triptych above the high altar is, indeed, a depiction of the Ascension of Christ. Additionally, a panel in the great chancel window above the high altar and triptych includes a traditional Ascension image: the feet of Christ just disappearing into the sky above as St. Mary and the Apostles look upwards. Happy Feast of the Ascension!



#### VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE INTROIT

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

God has gone up with a shout : And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Let us go forth in peace : In the name of Christ. Amen. Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page. HYMN IN PROCESSION, 214



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Llanfair, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

CelebrantAlleluia! Christ is Risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!Celebrant

LMIGHTY 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 Lord. Amen.

#### Please be seated for the Gloria GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te, gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, goodwill towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Setting: Missa Brevis, Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

#### Please stand as you are able.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

LMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

Sung by the Choir

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Reader A reading from the Book of Acts

N THE FIRST BOOK, THEOPHILUS, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



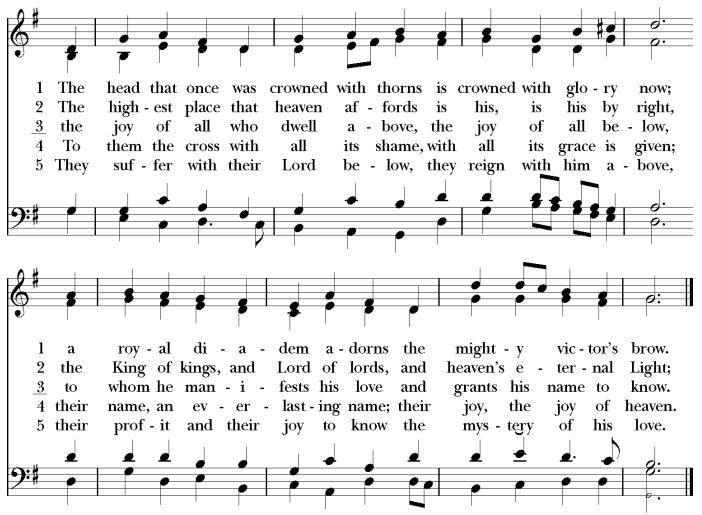
- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \* the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure \* that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; \* the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \* mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \* and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore. *Antiphon*

HAVE HEARD OF YOUR FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

AT THE SEQUENCE, HYMN 483



# 6. The cross he bore is life and health, though shame and death to him: his people's hope, his people's wealth, their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855) Music: St. Magnus, melody Divine Companion, 1707; harm William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (1812-1884)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

J ESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Please stand as you are able and say together 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,

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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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who 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

### The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Let us offer our petitions through the Lord Jesus, who was taken up to heaven and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

We pray that the people of God, sent into the world to bear witness, may always be one as Jesus and the Father are one.

Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the worldly powers may be touched and transformed by the prayers of Jesus' disciples.

Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all races and nations: May repentance for past injustice lead to mutual forgiveness. Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who, like Jesus the Messiah, suffer for righteousness' sake: May they hold fast to the confession of their hope.

Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray this morning for *Alicia Beggs, Darrell Ralph Griffin, Connie, Tara Crandall, James Busby, Janet Heinze, Kenneth Scanlan, and Erinn Huetteman.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those taken from our sight by death: May they be lifted up to be with Christ in glory.

Ascended Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME  $\dot{\mathcal{C}}^{\ast}$  PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

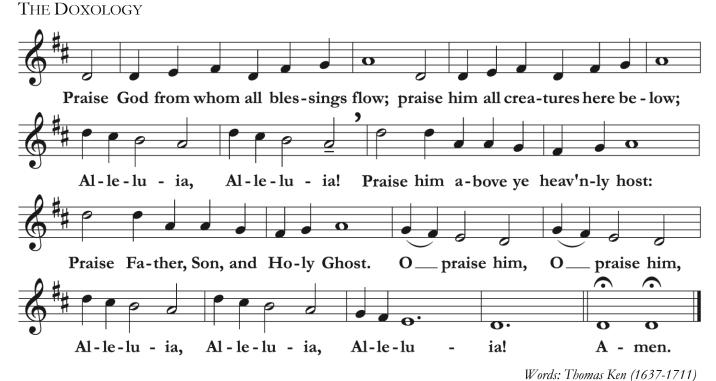
#### AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

GOD IS GONE UP WITH A TRIUMPHANT SHOUT: The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praises out, unto our King, sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing, and let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, in flakes of glory down him to attend, and hear heart-cramping notes of melody surround his chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their music, making ev'ry string more to enravish as they this tune sing.

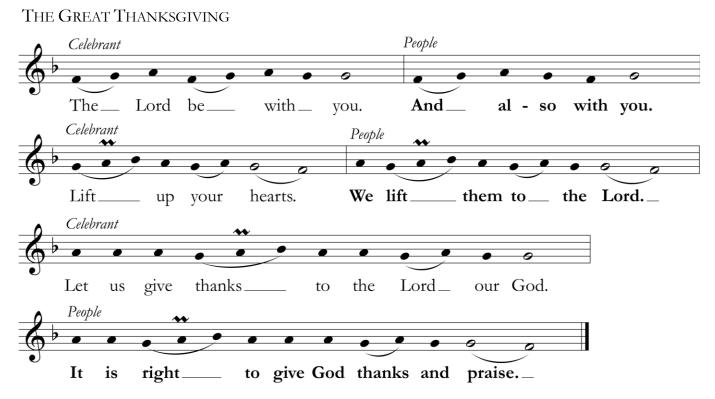
> Words: from Sacramental Meditations, Edward Taylor (c 1642-1729) & Psalm 47 Music: Op. 27, No. 2, Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.



Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. R.V. Williams (1872-1958)





#### Celebrant

T IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AN JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	Holy, Holy, Holy,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	Lord God of hosts,
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Hosanna in excelsis.	Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Benedictus qui venit	Blessed is he that cometh
in nomine Domini.	in the Name of the Lord,
Hosanna in excelsis.	Hosanna in the Highest.

Setting: Missa Brevis, Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

#### Celebrant

OLY 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. N 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."

CelebrantTherefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:PeopleChrist has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

E 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 for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

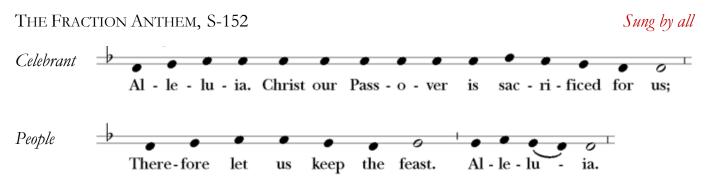
Give us this day our daily bread.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Fraction Anthem.



Setting: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

#### THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHONSung by the Choir as the Clergy, Acolytes, and Ushers receive.All power has been given to me, in heaven and on earth, alleluia.Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,<br/>and of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.Hear my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Setting: Data est mihi, Mode I

#### THE COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. All are welcome at The Lord's Table!

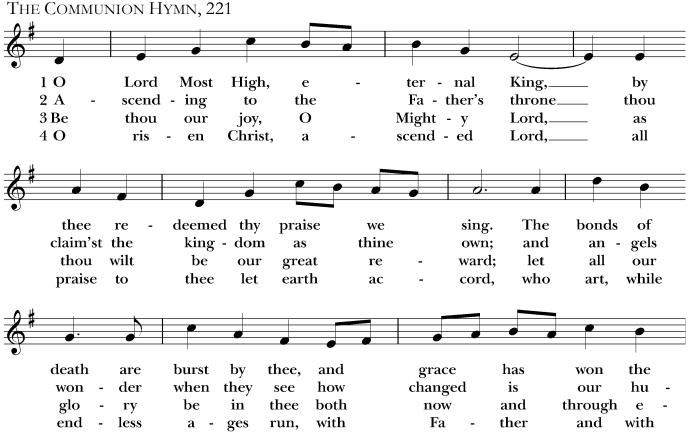
#### AGNUS DEI

AGNUS DEI, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

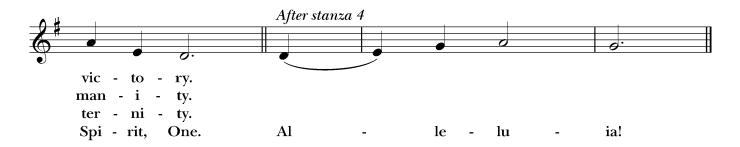
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: Missa Brevis, G. Ives

Sung by the Choir



#### Please join in singing the hymn.



Words: Medieval Latin; Stanzas 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); Stanza 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885) Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able and say together THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### **A**LMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD,

we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

#### A BLESSING FOR ASCENSIONTIDE

AY THE RISEN CHRIST, who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

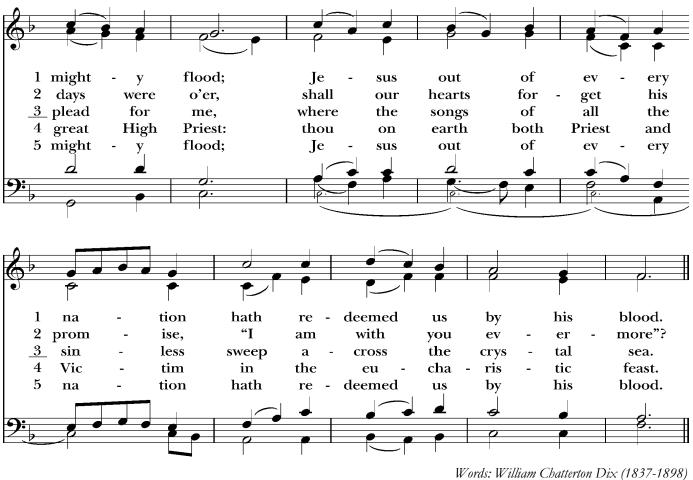
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HYMN IN PROCESSION, 460

Stanzas 1, 3, & 4 only





Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

THE DISMISSAL

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

#### VOLUNTARY

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son from l'Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

#### ~ Serving today ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton Crucifer: Ed Morgan Lectors: Sarah O'Gara, Rusty Beatty Intercessor: Katherine Coumes Ministers of Communion: Robert Baxter, Lois Lewis Altar Guild: Phyllis Noke, Miles von Herrmann Greeters: Anaezi Modu, Matthew Sneider Usher: Robert Olawoye Audio/Visual: Clinton Crocker Coffee Hour Servers: Melody Ennis, Pam Baker, Margrete Jean-Louis

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