



Washington Street near Broadway

ASCENSION DAY

5 May 2016

7:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist

Please switch off all cellular telephones, and other electronic devices before the Liturgy begins. Also, kindly refrain from audible conversation to respect those wishing to pray and listen to the organ prelude. Thank you.

ORGAN - *O World, I Now Must Leave Thee*

Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

HYMN 103, 1st Tune - *In Babilone*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Hymnal 713*)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty 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 abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In 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." (1:1-11)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - *Omnes gentes, plaudite*

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

(Psalm 47)

THE SECOND LESSON - A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

I 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.

(1:15-23)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 104, 2nd Tune - Llanfair

THE HOLY GOSPEL of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus 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. 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.

(24:44-53)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Dean Vang

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Jesus Christ, ascended on high, fills the whole world with God's gifts. Let us pray for our needs and the needs of all people.

Deacon That God's grace in Jesus Christ will equip the church's ministers to build up the Body of Christ, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; William, our Diocesan; Daniel and David, our Assisting Bishops; Marshall and Paul, our Priests; and Peter, our Deacon,
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

That God's grace in Jesus Christ will lead all people to care for the environment,
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

That God's grace in Jesus Christ will help farmers to plant their crops and nurture their growth,
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

That God's grace in Jesus Christ will empower us to assist the needy in our midst,
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

That God's grace in Jesus Christ will bring those who have died to share his glory in heaven,
Lord, in your mercy:
Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Giver of all good gifts, renew us in your service by your surpassing power, and keep us united to our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose love reaches to the heavens and whose goodness fills all people with blessing, both now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant and People

Good and Gracious God, you make all things new. Draw near to us as we continue our Capital Campaign to secure Bethesda's ministry and mission for future generations. Bless us with a noble spirit of generosity and gratitude. May the building of a new Parish House and Community Center, together with the renovation and restoration of the Church, extend your compassionate love for the healing and transformation of those who gather there. This we ask in the Name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with an Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 106 - *St. Magnus*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, *Eucharistic Prayer II*

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PROPER PREFACE OF THE ASCENSION

Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly 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.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT

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OUR FATHER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: PASCHA NOSTRUM

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PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

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MINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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ASCENSION 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

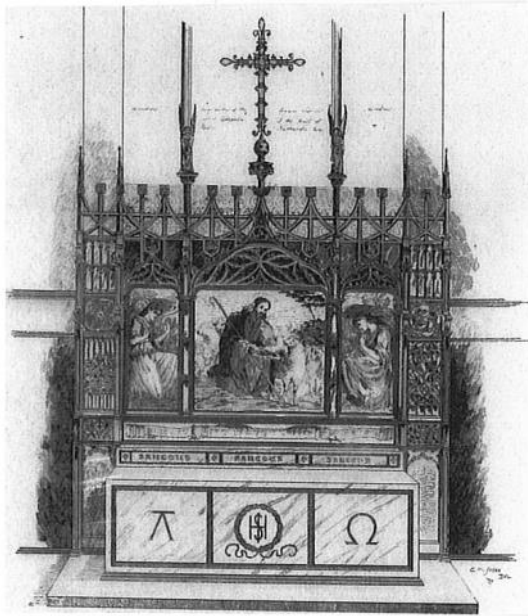
People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

HYMN 352 - *Diademata*

ORGAN - *Epilogue*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



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