

Please join us for a reception in Hadley Hall



Thank you to those serving in tonight's liturgy.

Thomas Brown, presider and preacher

Miriam Gelfer, assisting priest

Craig Benner, organist

Richard Goldhor, vergger

Jane Sherwin and Gayle Pershouse, lay eucharistic ministers

Brett Johnson and Gabrielle Stott, lectors

William Rappole, acolyte

Marie Johnson, Will Aldrich, Frank Vaughan, and Elizabeth Fries, ushers

Richard Marks and Gabrielle Stott, greeters



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Ascension Day

25 May 2017 at seven thirty o'clock in the evening



WELCOME TO THE PARISH OF THE EPIPHANY

We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this evening. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To participate in tonight's worship service you'll need to use the large, blue book (*the Hymnal 1982*) and the Book of Common Prayer. If you are visiting, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate, or sign our guest book in the narthex so that we may welcome you more fully into this vibrant community of faith.

Voluntary Prelude on 'St. Botolph'

PHILIP MOORE

All stand for the

Hymn in Procession

The Hymnal, 214

LLANFAIR

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

The Presider says the Collect for the Ascension.

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 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.

The congregation is seated for the readings.

The First Lesson

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."

Acts 1:1-11

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

All remain seated to sing

Psalm 47

Anglican Chant setting
THOMAS TERTIUS NOBLE

The choir sings the antiphon; we repeat it.
The choirs sing the verses; we sing the antiphon when indicated

ANTIPHON



Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

Antiphon

He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The Administration of Communion

All who love God and are drawn to Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward by the center aisle. Rice wafers are available, ask the priest when you are at the rail. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please put your arms across your chest.

All stand to sing the

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, 307
BRYN CALFARIA

The Presider faces the congregation and bids the Postcommunion Prayer.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All 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 for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

All remain standing for the

Blessing

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Hymn in Procession

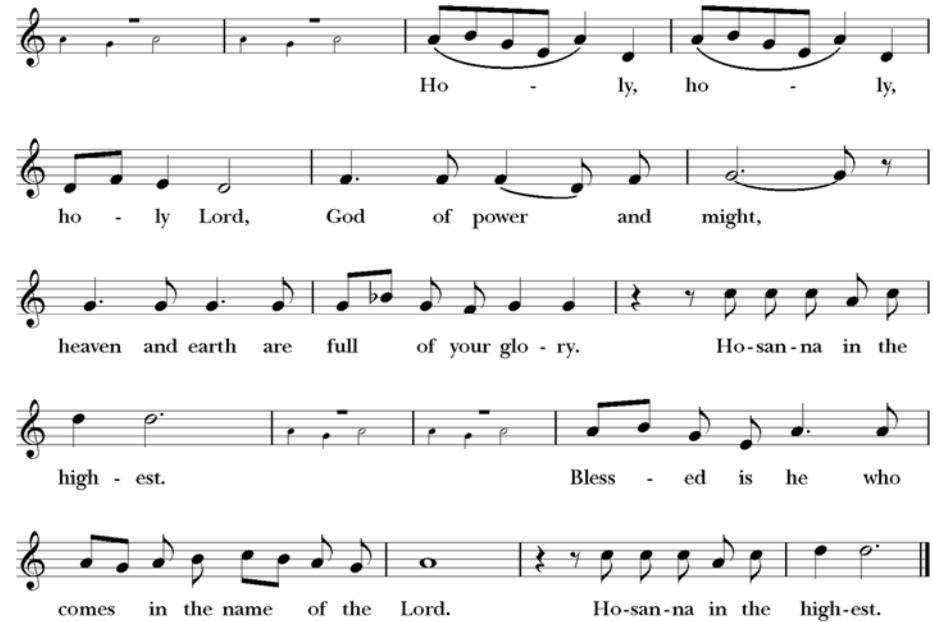
The Hymnal, 218
DEO GRACIAS

Voluntary A Thornbury Fanfare

MALCOLM ARCHER

The Presider continues to say what is known as the Preface. Then we sing the hymn known as the Sanctus and Benedictus.

WILLIAM MATHIAS



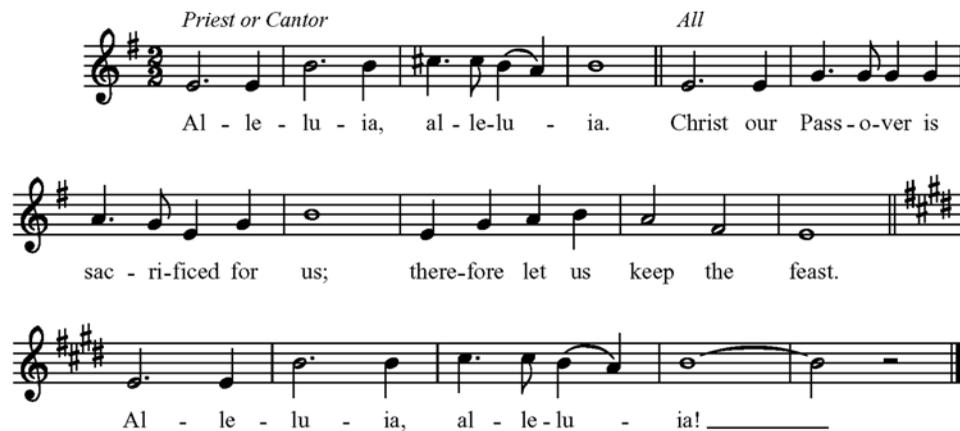
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Prayer continues on p. 362ff of the Prayer Book.

The Breaking of the Bread

The consecrated bread is broken. A period of silence is kept. Then we sing this hymn:

WILLIAM BRADLEY ROBERTS



Priest or Cantor *All*
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

He chooses our inheritance for us, *
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Antiphon*

God has gone up with a shout, *
 the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
 sing praises to our King, sing praises. *Antiphon*

The Second Lesson

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.

Ephesians 1:15-23

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

All stand and sing the
Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, 483
 ST. MAGNUS

During the Alleluia, the Gospel is carried into the midst of the people. All turn to face the Gospel. All sing
The Alleluia
 We will sing it once before the Gospel, and also afterward.

CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

