



CHURCH *of the*  
**INCARNATION**

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 24, 2020**

*Traditional Service*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Organ Voluntary

*Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 532*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

### **Introit:** *Viri Galilaei*

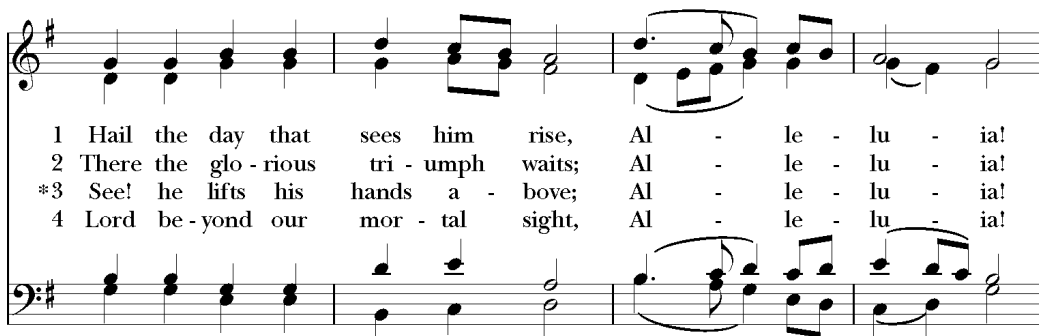
Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven, alleluia; In like manner as you have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again, alleluia. *Ps.* O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

### **Hymn 214**

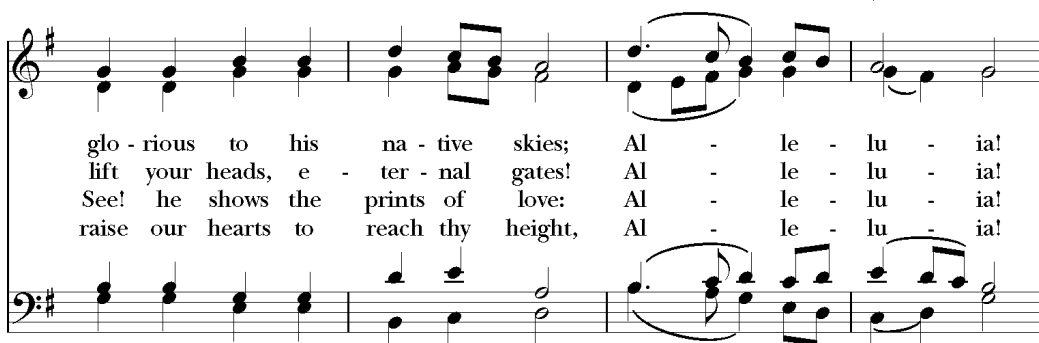
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

*Llanfair*

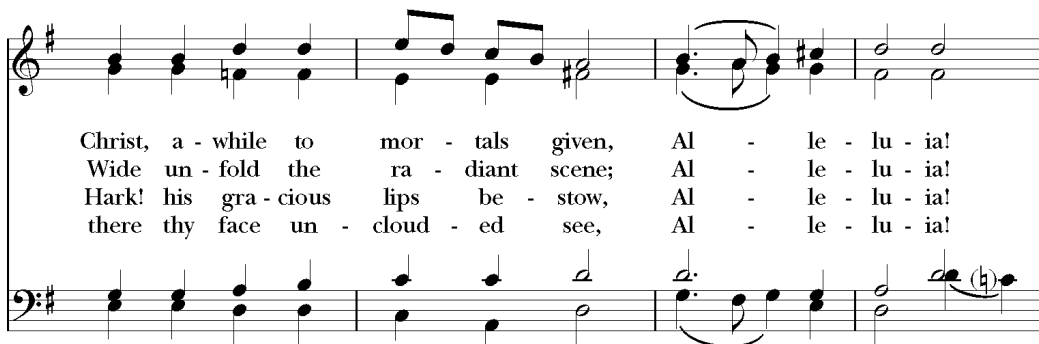
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1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



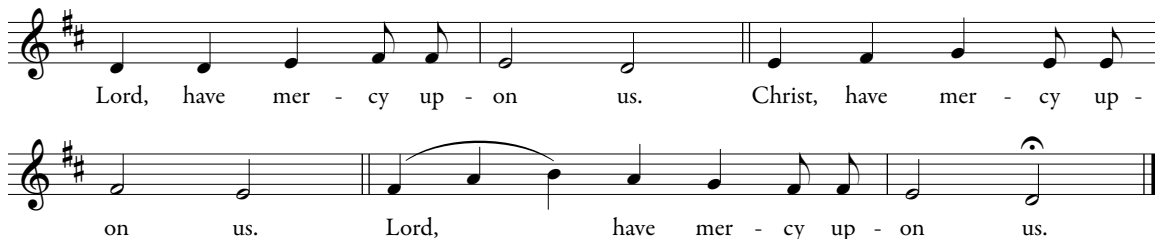
en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

# THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* ✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity.*

## Kyrie



## Gloria in excelsis



way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sit - test at the right hand of  
 God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up - on us. For thou on - ly art ho - ly;  
 thou on - ly art the Lord; thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Ghost, art most high ✠ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. \_\_\_\_  
 A - - - - - men.

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## The Collects

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**Lmighty God, our Heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE LESSONS

### The Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 7:13–14

**I** SAW in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 68:1–6

*Sung by the choir to a chant by W. Crotch.*

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away; \*  
and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad, and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name; magnify him that rideth upon the heavens; \*  
praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows; \*  
even God in his holy habitation.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity; \*  
but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

### The Epistle: Acts 1:1–11

**I**N the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

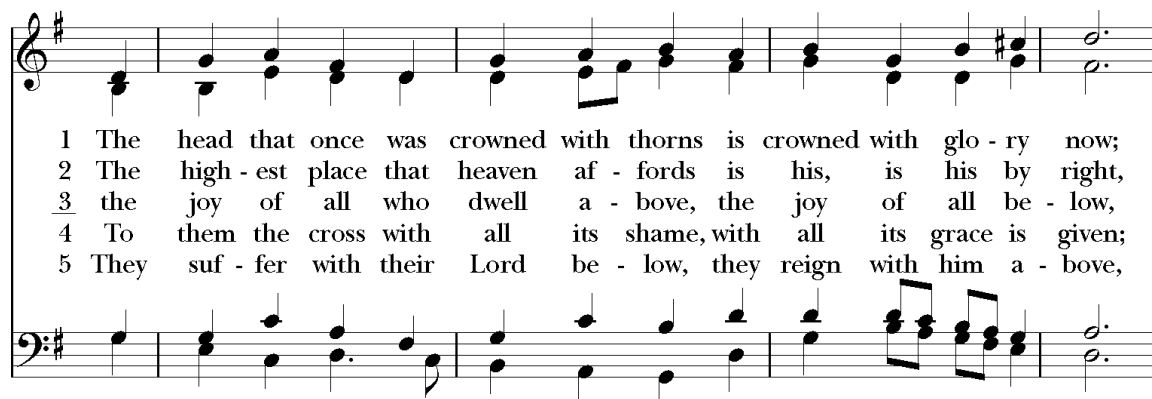
*People* Thanks be to God.



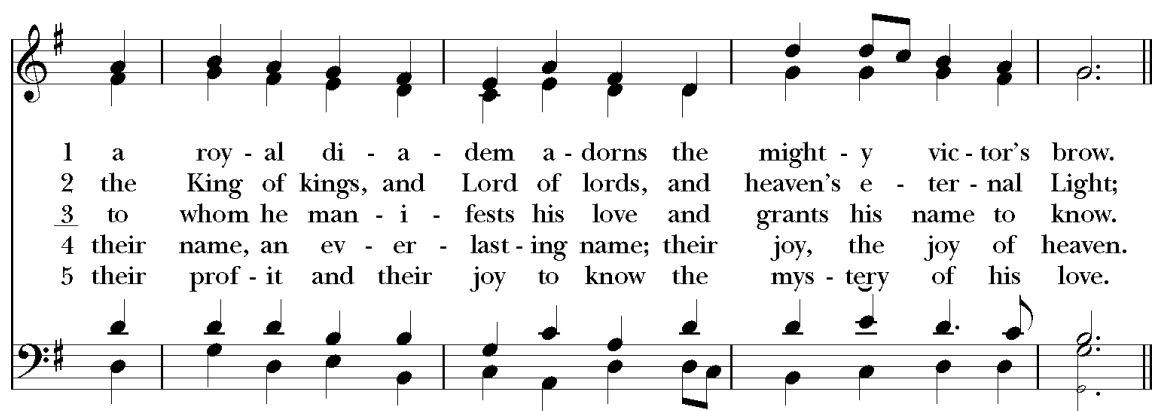
## Hymn 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

*St. Magnus*



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,  
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,  
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;  
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;  
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.  
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.  
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

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 from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.)

## **The Gospel: Luke 24:44–53**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**J**ESUS said to the disciples, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are 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 blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **SERMON**

Father Jon Jordan

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**I**BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Minister says*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



*Each petition concludes*

*Minister* Let us pray to the Lord.

*People* Lord, have mercy.

*The prayers conclude in this way*

*Minister* In the communion of the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* To thee, O Lord our God.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Minister says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God,

*All*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.*

## **THE PEACE**

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

*People* And with thy spirit.

*All greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

*The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.*

### Anthem

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892–1964)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

### Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be -  
low; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -  
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

*People*

It is meet and right so to do.

## *The Celebrant continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## Sanctus & Benedictus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full

— of thy glo - ry. Glo - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Bless - ed —

— is he that com - eth — in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes*

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

## Communion Devotions

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People say the Lord's Prayer.*

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*People and Celebrant*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Agnus Dei**

The musical score for Agnus Dei is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for Men, the second for Women, and the third and fourth for All. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

*Men*  
O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, have

*Women*  
mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God that ta-kest a - way the

*All*  
sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta-kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus, hear me;

Within thy wounds hide me;

Suffer me not to be separated from thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me;

In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to thee.

That with thy Saints I may praise thee

For ever and ever. Amen.

## Motet

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness,  
arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my  
heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return 'til thy  
mercy's beams I see; 'til they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine;  
scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

## CONCLUDING RITES

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,

*Celebrant and People*

we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual  
food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure  
us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate  
in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also  
heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly  
Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all  
such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to  
whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.*

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

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

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## Hymn 215

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

*In Babilone*

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph;  
see the King in royal state,  
riding on the clouds, his chariot,  
to his heavenly palace gate!  
Hark! the choirs of angel voices  
joyful alleluias sing,  
and the portals high are lifted  
to receive their heavenly King.

He who on the cross did suffer,  
he who from the grave arose,  
he has vanquished sin and Satan;  
he by death has spoiled his foes.  
While he lifts his hands in blessing,  
he is parted from his friends;  
while their eager eyes behold him,  
he upon the clouds ascends.

Thou hast raised our human nature  
on the clouds to God's right hand:  
there we sit in heavenly places,  
there with thee in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne;  
mighty Lord, in thine ascension,  
we by faith behold our own.

## Organ Voluntary

*Toccata in F, BWV 540/1*

J.S. Bach

*Altar Arrangements*

*Are given to the glory of God...*

and in loving memory of Robert "Bob" Seaman Bush & Mike Holberg



**YOU WILL BE ENRICHED  
IN EVERY WAY SO THAT  
YOU CAN BE GENEROUS  
ON EVERY OCCASION,  
AND THROUGH US YOUR  
GENEROSITY WILL RESULT IN  
THANKSGIVING TO GOD.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9:11

*Thank you to all of the volunteers  
who have helped those in need  
over the past weeks and to those  
committed to giving financially to  
ensure the church continues to be  
the church—now and always.*

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## WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 965, Week of 7 Easter.

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