

**PARISH OF THE ASCENSION
CHRISTMAS 1
DECEMBER 27, 2020**

COLLECT

Shed upon your Church,
O Lord, the brightness of your
light, that we being illumined
by the teaching of your apostle
and evangelist John, may walk
in the light of your truth,
and come at last to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

A READING FROM 1 JOHN

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is

true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:1-9

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

PSALM

REFRAIN *The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree.*

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High; to tell of your loving kindness in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night season. **R**

The righteous shall flourish like a plam tree and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God; **R**

They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent; that they may show how upright the Lord is, my Rock, in whom there is no fault. **R PSALM 92:1-2, 11-14**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN**

People: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; **JOHN 20:1-8**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal Light,
receive all we offer you this day,
that we may share in the wisdom of your eternal Word,
revealed at this eucharist table..
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
the incarnate Word. **AMEN**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,
your apostle and evangelist John
proclaim the Christ,
your Word, made flesh among us.
May we who have shared the bread of life
remain forever your children,
born according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **AMEN**