

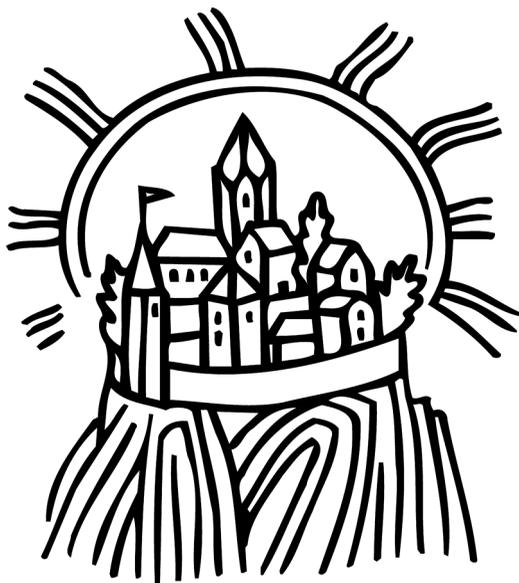
ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II



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Welcome

You've found home.

A church home, where whatever your background, however you see God today, no matter how challenging your journey is right now, you belong here. At Ascension Episcopal Church, we strive to be a welcoming and safe place for all people to belong. We hope you encounter the radical love of God and the love of His church community right here.

We're a multi-generational spiritual center, with grandparents, parents, singles, teens and children living out the central invitation from Jesus to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. We smile a lot around here, and it's authentic!

We believe that people desire relationships over religion; our Sunday services are engaging and hope-filled. And, I believe that fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come see and experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Welcome home!



The Rev. Mark W. McDonald

JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY.

We offer two services; our **8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite I Traditional Eucharist Service, without music and our **10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite II Contemporary Eucharist Service with organ and choral music.

Our **NURSERY** is available from 10 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

From 9:30am to 10:15am, join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** or Upstairs for **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**,

**Voices of small children are always welcome.
Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

PRELUDE

The Word of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 542

Christ is the world's true Light

ST. JOAN

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting:
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty 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.*

SONG OF PRAISE S 280

Glory to God

POWELL

The following is sung, all standing

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-12

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the
thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-10

Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹They have given freely to the poor, *
*and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.*

¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your

faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN 600 *O day of God, draw nigh*

BELLWOODS

All stand.

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON - THE REV. MARK W. MCDONALD+ (BCP P. 358)

THE NICENE CREED - BCP P. 358

All stand.

*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,
 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 - FORM VI - BCP P. 393

Stand or kneel as you are able.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
 For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For Joe, our president; Greg, our Governor; Sylvester, our Mayor, for the city of Houston, for the nation, and for the world;
 For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
 For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Andy, our Bishop, Hector, our Bishop Assistant, Mark our Rector, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for: Isabella, Cathie, Phyllis, Alice, Frances, Landon, Dion, Jim, John, Albert, Cory, Todd, Stephanie, John, James, Ellen, Greg, Jack, Shirley, Lucia, Jean, Bobby, Dennie, Lance, Lucia, Angela, Olive, Carissa, Kelley, Laura, Pete, Hillary, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Mary, David, Ann, Valerie, and family and friends we name now.

We pray for peace in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James' of Taylor, St. Joan of Arc of Pflugerville, St. John's of Austin.

We invite you to offer your prayers at this time.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for the people who make up the Church of the Ascension. We thank for your wonderful creation. We thank you for our family and friends, for the opportunities you give us to serve in the Kingdom of God, and most of all, we thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence
The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE - BCP P. 360

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries and those who are Traveling

If you are a visitor or guest, please scan the QR code in the announcements section of this bulletin and give us your contact information. Let us connect with you!

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* arr. by Mark Patterson

AT THE PRESENTATION *From all that dwell below the skies* OLD 100TH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A BCP P. 361

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 S 129
Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy

POWELL

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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 People stand or kneel.

Holy 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.

On 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

*Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

We 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. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

*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

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM S 154

Christ our Passover

HURD

Al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, you who have faith and you who have doubts. Come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at God's table. Come!

AT THE COMMUNION

- *All baptized Christian welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive communion, place your right hand inside of your left to receive the bread.*
- *To receive a gluten free wafer please place your palms together.*
- *You may then either drink from the cup or dip the bread into the wine.*
- *If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your hands over your chest to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Longing for light

MHSO 59

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less, long-ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, — man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, — man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
pow - er to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
bro - ken for o - thers, shared un - til all are fed. _____
shel - ter - ing o - thers, wall made of liv - ing stone. _____
to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come. _____

Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 381

TON-Y BOTEL

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

POSTLUDE

Announcements

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of the Almighty God,
And in loving memory of John G. Minniece III by his wife Glenda
and his children and grandchildren.*

SHROVE TUESDAY



Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras, will be celebrated on February 21 at 6:30pm. We will be serving Pancakes and Bacon. We have had a couple of people volunteer to cook, but need a few more. Following dinner we will burn last year's Palm crosses to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. (Sign-up is helpful, but not required; use the QR code to the left.)

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will celebrate with three services on Ash Wednesday, on February 22. We will have a service with the school at 8:30am, and services at noon and 7pm. Invite your friends to celebrate with you as we enter the Lent season.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The Lenten Soup Suppers are a wonderful Ascension pastime. We will serve soup, and Fr. Mark will teach a Lenten series. Thank you to all who have signed up to serve!! . (The only requirement is soup. You may offer salad, or bread, or cookies, etc. at your discretion. Bowls , spoons, and cups are provided.)

March 1 - Choir is serving Potato soup!

March 8 - 8am service is getting together and providing Tomato Basil

March 15 - Terry Kahn has graciously stepped and will let us know what kind.

March 22 - Altar Guild is offering Chicken Tortilla Soup

March 29 - Todd and Cindy Breton are making Stuffed Pepper Soup

PALM CROSSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palm crosses to church through February 19th and place them in the collection basket, or bring them to the burning on Shrove Tuesday.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

Mission of Yahweh:

- Lunch with Friends, the first Saturday of each month.
- Contact the Volunteer Manager 713-466-4785 ext 107 and ask about volunteer opportunities
- Commit to praying for our residents and The Mission
- Donate food, water, and/or cleaning supplies

WHAM:

- Volunteer to help organize their pantry and warehouse.
- Bring non-perishable food donations to put in the WHAM box each week.
- Donate items to their resale shop
- Drop off egg cartons, condiment packets, paper and plastic bags, and disposable utensil sets in the Parish Hall.
- Donate Blankets and Socks, especially during the winter.

Eyewear for Lion's Club:

- Bring eyeglasses, cases, sunglasses, frames, and lenses, -- all things related to vision; drop them in the donation box year round.

Houston Ground Angels

- Pick up and transport cancer patients between local airports and MD Anderson; contact Dick Stabell for a ride along and more information.

Ascension has a long and wonderful history of giving. Let's continue to remember those who need our help. Any questions can always be directed to our Outreach Ministry head, Michelle Feagin, or calling/emailing the church office.

Your Current Vestry

To Annual Meeting of 2024– Pam Schwabrow, Carroll Prasad, Troi Malveaux, Jackie Bergquist

To Annual Meeting of 2025– Mike Black, Todd Breton, Funmi Falayi, Carol Goulet

To Annual Meeting of 2026 - Tom Sutton, Joan Harwood

	February 5th	February 12th	February 19th
	<i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
Vestry of the Week	Pam Schwabrow and Joan Harwood	Jackie Bergquist and Todd Breton	Funmi Falayi and Tom Sutton
Altar Guild	Cole	Sutton	Morales
Lessons	Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12], Psalm 112:1-9, (10), 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16], Matthew 5:13-20	Deuteronomy 30:15-20, or Sirach 15:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37	Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9
Ushers	Liz and Chad Goodman	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan	The Falayi Family
8 am Lect./Intercessor	Glenn Criswell	Ken Kingdon	Dick Stabell
1030am Lect./Intercessor	Pam Schwabrow	Todd Breton	Ngozi Adimora
Stream Team	Cooper McDonald	Mike Black	Enoch Falayi
Post Service Coffee	Mike and Sharon Black and Isaac Griesbaum	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan	Nifemi & Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia



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