ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2026
10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Welcome

You've found home.

A church home, no matter your background, how you see God today, or 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. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

We are excited to get to know you; if this is your first time with us, scan this QR code, so we may get in touch with you after the service.

Mission Statement

It is the Mission of Ascension Episcopal Church to worship Jesus Christ, love one another, and prepare disciples to grow God's kingdom.

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 9:30 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

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

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Celebrant We begin under the bell today to name those who have passed, and to rededicate the memorial walkway.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
People *The maker of heaven and earth*
Celebrant Let us pray

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now, as we dedicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

SPRINKLING OF HOLY WATER

THE READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Jane Armstrong
Mother of Julie Downs

Gwen Beck
Sister of Jackie Bergquist

Myrtis L. Boler-Minor
Mother of Silvia Ilisastigui

Elliot Boswell
Friend of Allison Garcia

Peggy Burris
Cousin of Constance O'Brien

Joel Burton
Longtime Member of Ascension

Evelyn Chadbourne
Cousin of Allison Garcia

Sonny Colley
Husband of Sandra Colley

Sharon Whatley Compton
Sister of Jackie Bergquist

Jo Crosby
Cousin of Al Crosby

Michael Cullen
Friend of Glenn Criswell

Virginia Downs
Sister of Tom Downs

John Edel
Longtime Member of Ascension

Faith Fattore
Friend of Samantha King

Tom Fenner
Friend of Ascension

Glorianna Foster
Longtime Member of Ascension

Jack Gayle
Great Uncle of Allison Garcia

Jim Hostetler
Longtime Member of Ascension

Larry Hovermale
Uncle of Allison Garcia

Greg Johnson
Friend of Mireya Ribas

Wanda June
Longtime Ascension Member

Randy Allen Kees
Brother of Ray Kees

Dr. Rebecca Krepper
Friend of Pat Smith

Dawn Bates Lawrence
Wife of Rev.Al Lawrence

Laura Ribas
Sister of Mireya Ribas

Sofia Quintanilla-Vander Hoek
Daughter of Carrie Vander Hoek and Jorge Quintanilla

Joan Bridget Schwabrow
Mother of Pat Schwabrow

Paul Sibley
Nephew of Jackie Bergquist

Mary Williams Smith
Mother of Pam Schwabrow

Barbara Story
Friend of Samantha King

Louise Sutton
Longtime Ascension Member

Jerry Lee Turner
Brother of James Turner

Following the reading of the necrology the Celebrant concludes with,

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment. May we, with all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

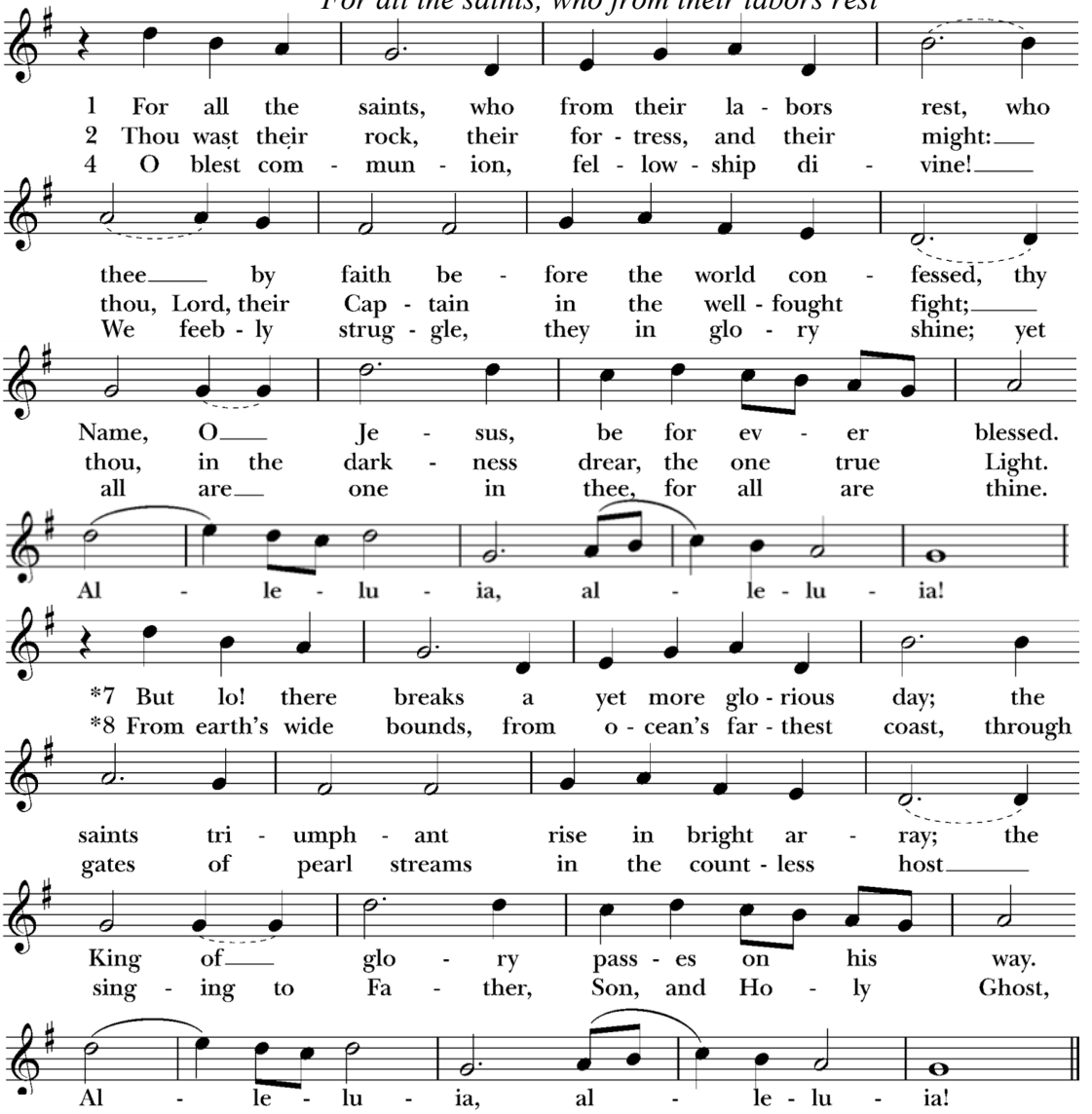
THE PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH
Led by the Ascension Choir

PRELUDE *O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen, Op. 122 No. 6* Brahms

The Word of God

Congregation Stands

ENTRANCE HYMN 287 SINE NOMINE

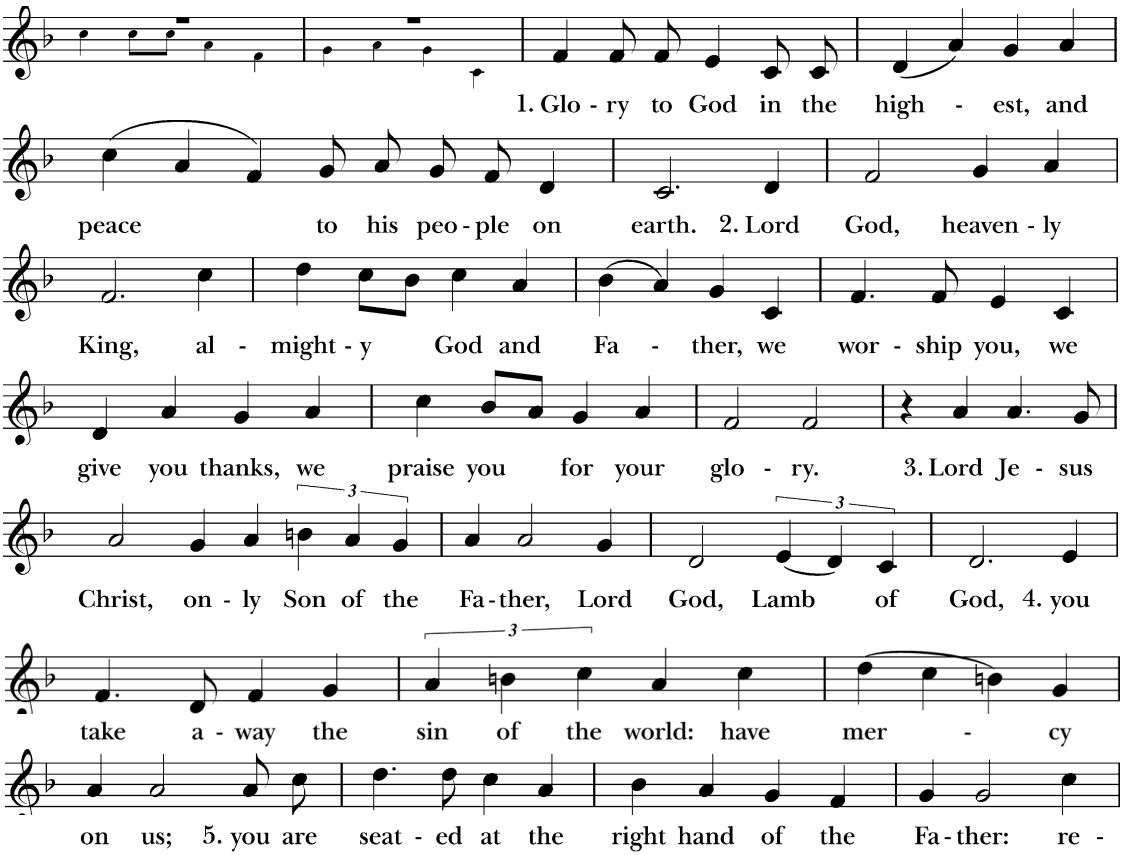
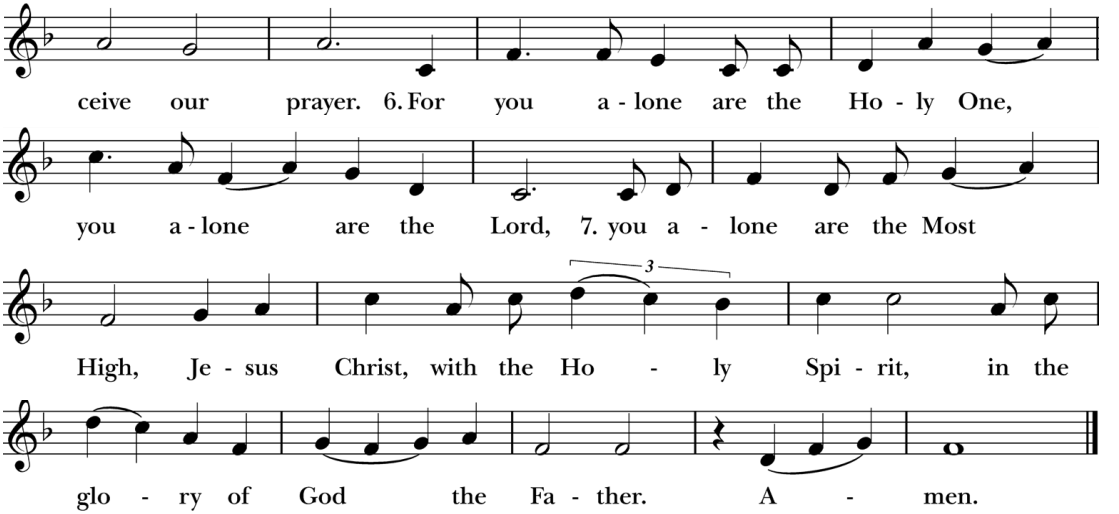
For all the saints, who from their labors rest

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The people sit.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried
out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living

creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12]singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" [14]I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."
Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
[15]For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
[16]They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
[17]for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
*Please read responsively by half verse at asterisk.**

[1]I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

[2]I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

[3]Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

[4]I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

[5]Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

[6]I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

[7]The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

[8]Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

[9]Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

[10]The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

[22]The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

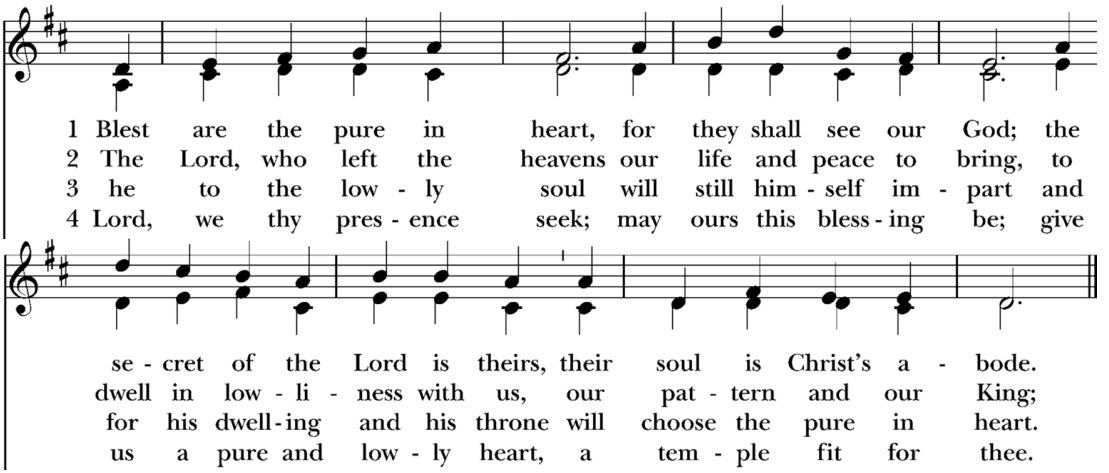
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

"At this time, children 2nd grade and under are invited to join Children's Bridge Worship. They will rejoin this service at the Peace for Holy Communion."

SEQUENCE HYMN 656 *Blest are the pure in heart* FRANCONIA

All stand.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE 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 III (BCP p. 387)

Congregation kneels. The Leader and People pray responsively.

Celebrant Let us pray for the church and the world.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People *That we all may be one.*

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others;

The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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
We are excited to get to know you; if this is your first time with us, scan this QR code, so we may get in touch with you after the service.

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travel

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)
The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Psalm 96:8*

OFFERTORY HYMN *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* Text: Ecclesiasticus 44
Music: R. Vaughan Williams

AT THE PRESENTATION H380, v3 OLD 100TH
All stand. *From all that dwell below the skies*

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
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP P. 367

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 him thanks and praise.*

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

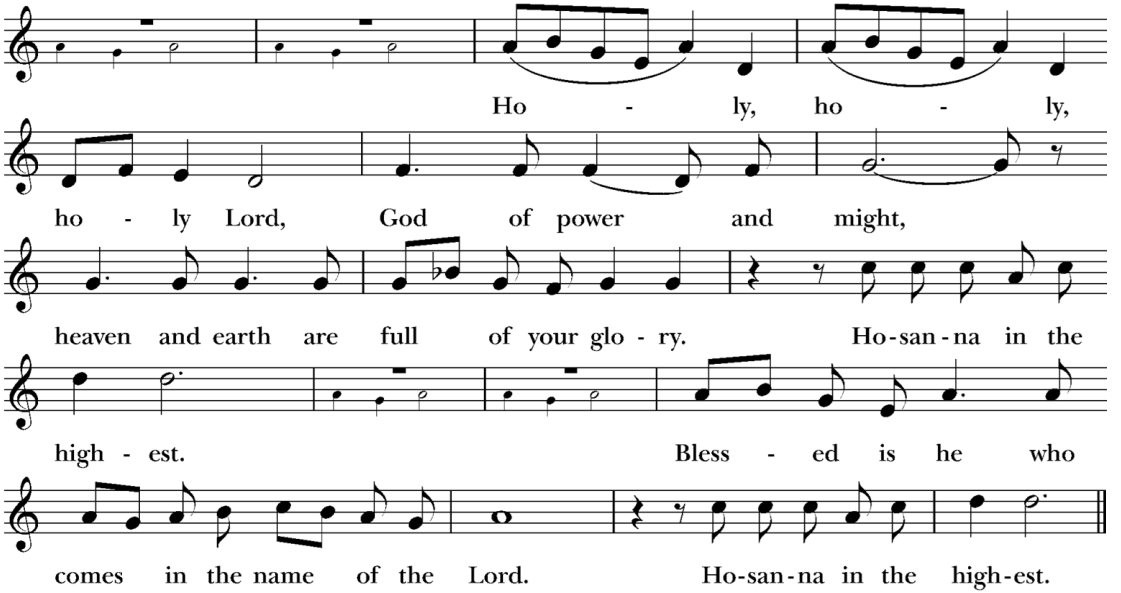
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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 128 *Holy, holy, holy* MATHIAS

Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

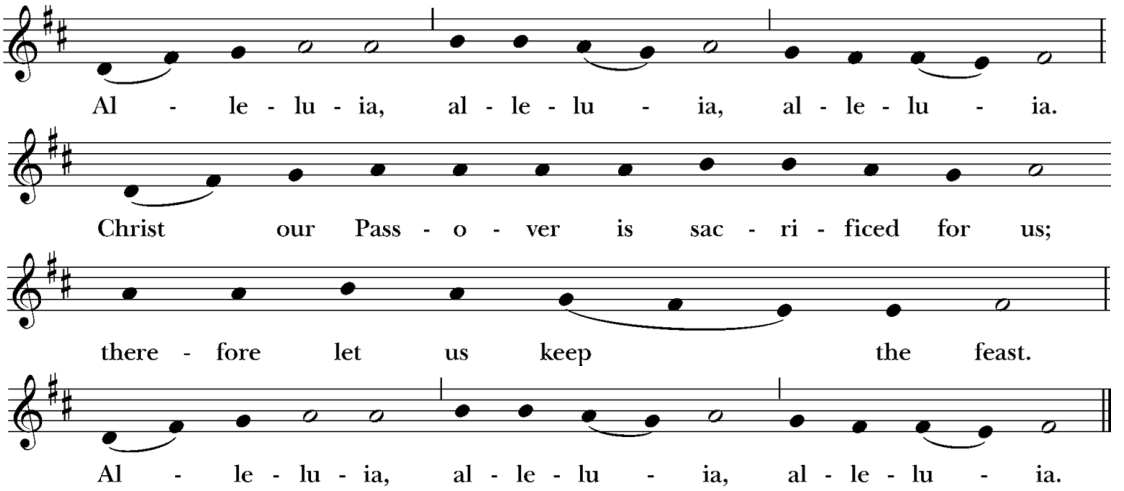
THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)
People and Celebrant

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



INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

The Celebrant says

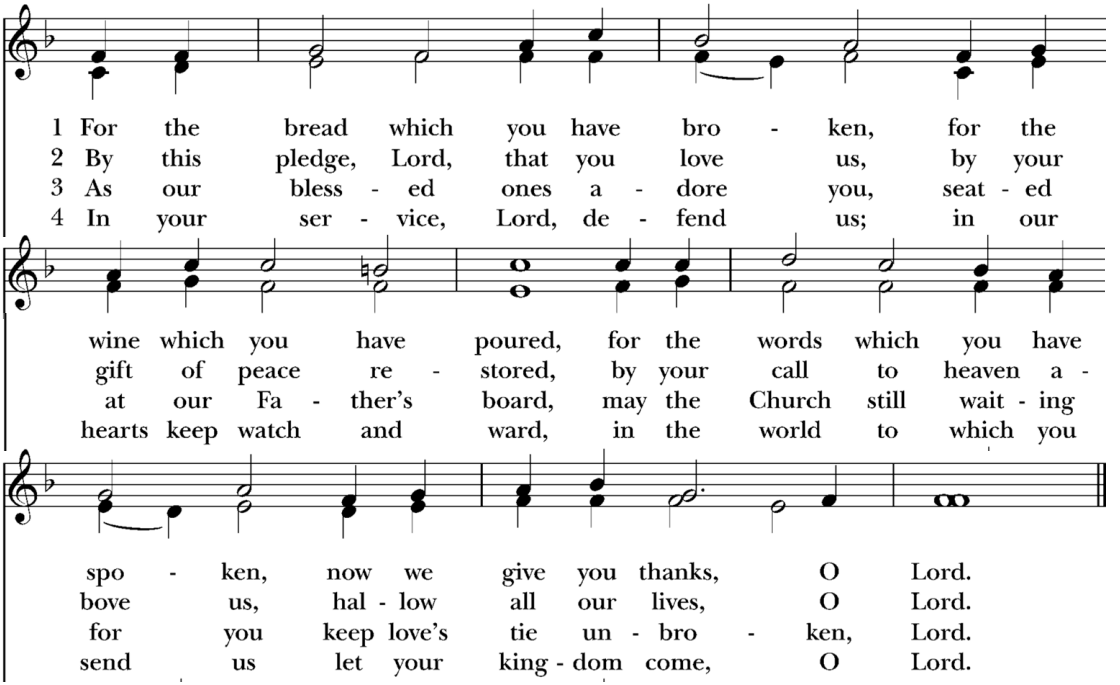
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who come forward in faith and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

- *The Bread will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please consume it upon receiving.*
- *To receive from the Wine, gently hold the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.*
- *If for any reason you are unable to receive both the Bread and the Wine, please know that the Church teaches that the fullness of the Sacrament is received in either element.*
- *Gluten-free hosts are available at the altar rail upon request.*
- *If you are not baptized but want to be, please speak with the priest-in-charge.*

COMMUNION HYMN 341 *For the bread which you have broken* OMNI DIE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

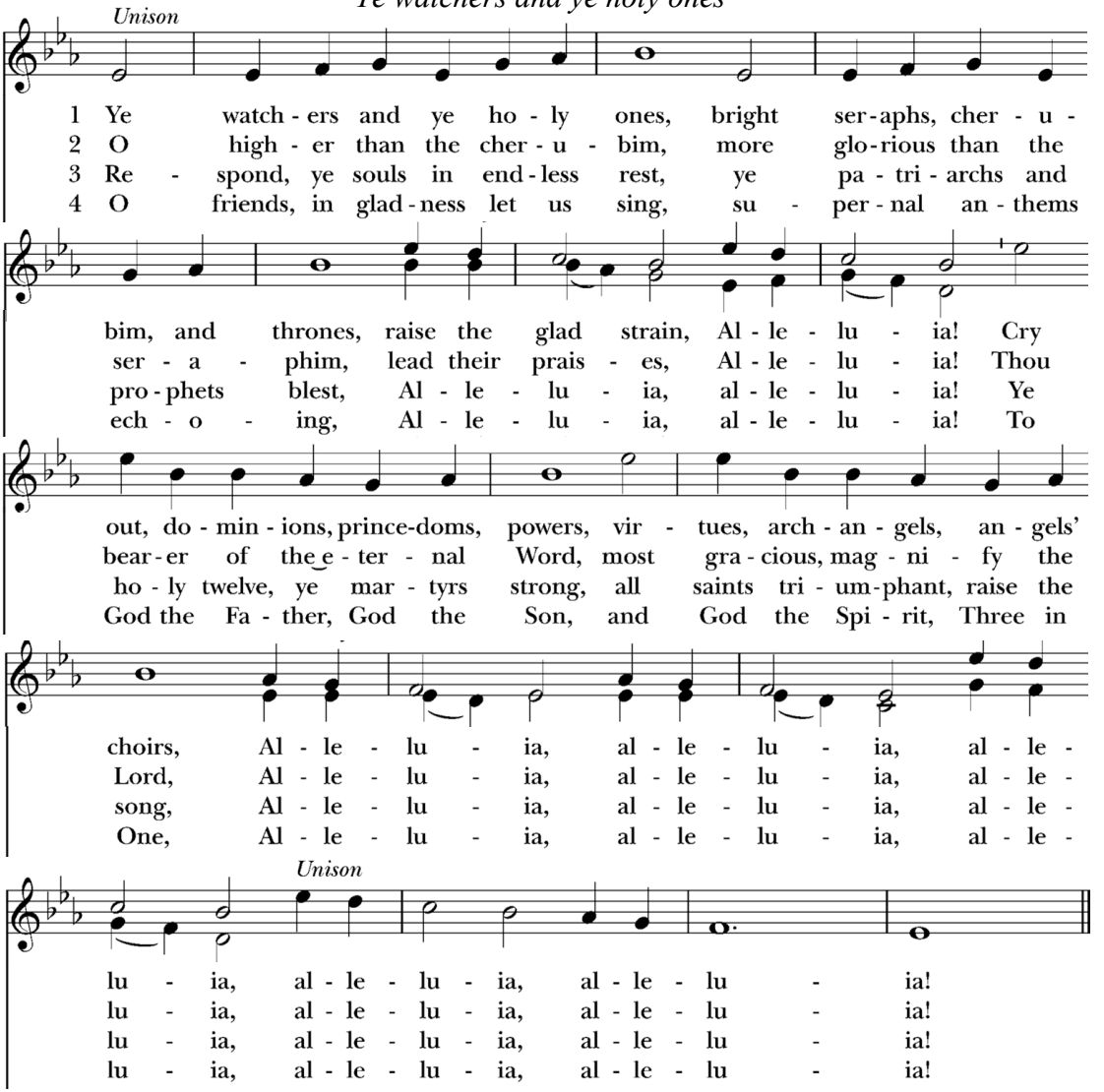
Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 618 LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones



DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE *Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65 No. 59* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(Now thank we all our God)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of the Almighty God in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

Stewardship Campaign

As the 2027 Stewardship Campaign draws to a close, we would like to thank those who have committed to the future of Ascension and submitted a pledge. We would also like to remind everyone that stewardship is all year round; it is never too late to submit a pledge to help Ascension fulfill its mission in service to Christ.

A Special Invitation

Next Sunday, we will be baptizing Chijoke, son of Nelson and Yustinah. We, of course, will hold a small reception during the post service coffee, but their family will be hosting a much larger event at 1pm at the Sterling Banquet Halls located at 5475 W Sam Houston Pkwy N, Houston, TX 77041. All are invited to attend!

Salvation Army Christmas - "Forgotten Senior" Program

The bags are ready for pick-up today!

Bags will need to be returned by Sunday, Nov. 29th, so they may be placed at the Altar for blessing. The Salvation Army has a very well-organized procedure for this wonderful program.
The tags have gift suggestions but good common sense comes in handy. There are no limits of how many or how few gifts you place in the bags. ($75 is a good rough estimate per bag, though some requests are small and some big-ticket items can cost more.) After the Angel "tags" are picked up, the gifts purchased and returned to Ascension, they will be picked up by the Salvation Army and distributed to the neediest of "Forgotten Seniors."

Definition "Forgotten Senior" is an older person who meets the federal minimum poverty guidelines and is not registered with the Salvation Army with any program. They have fallen thru the cracks and in many cases have no advocates. That is the reason for the term "Forgotten Seniors."
Please give this wonderful program your support to help others who have not been as blessed.
Let's continue the success of this program!

Ascension Renewal Prayer Group!

The Ascension and St John the Divine Prayer Group meet in the church library every Tuesday, 12:15 - 12:45, prior to the Ladies Bible Study. ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend, so if you are nearby, on your lunch break, or have a free moment, PLEASE meet in the church library from 12:15 to 12:45. There is a Zoom link to those who are unable to join in-person. Please find it in the Happenings, or email the church office to get it!

	October 25th	**November 1st**	**November 8th**
	Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost	*All Saints Sunday*	*Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*
Priest	Rev. Trent Pettit	Rev. Lars Skoglund	Rev. Trent Pettit
Vestry of the Week	Dave Bergquist and Volunteer	Pam Schwabrow and Amy Criswell	John Searle and Tom Downs
Altar Guild	Smith	Dipuma	Cole
Lessons	Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18, Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46	Revelation 7:9-17, Psalm 34:1-10, 22, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12	Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13
Ushers	The Falayi Family	Liz and Chad Goodman	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan
8am Lect./Intercessor	Joan Harwood	Glenn Criswell	Tom Downs
1030am Intercessor/ Chalice Bearer	Mike Black	Pam Schwabrow	John Searle
1030am Reader	Nifemi Falayi	Mathilde Claiborne	Damisi Falayi
Acolyte	Lonimi Falayi	Mathilde Claiborne	Damisi Falayi
Jr. Acolyte		Jorge Quintanilla	Layo Falayi
Stream Team	Enoch Falayi	Emerson Goodman	Tom Downs
Post Service Coffee	Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia	Mike and Sharon Black	Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan

PRAYERS

To make prayer requests, please write your request on the prayer card available in the narthex and drop it in the plate. You may also update, add, or remove prayer requests by sending an email to office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org.

In addition to praying for the members of our Ascension family, we also pray for peace in the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and in the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Calvary of Richmond, Christ Church of Eagle Lake, and Christ Church of Matagorda.

Pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: The Adimora-Nweke Family, Jack, Beatrice, Alice, Sharon, Alan and Ann, Joanna, David, Ronnie, Dion, Sam, Cory, Stephanie, Cora, Ellen, Jim, Jack, Ray, Lucia, Angela, Sayge, Pat, Olive, Maria Isabel, CJ, Margaret, Nancy, Pam, Megan, Ann, Valerie, and those known privately to us.

Pray for our college students: Robert Downs, Nifemi Falayi, Charlie Goodman, Madeleine Mattern, Max Murvee, Temi Ogunmesa, Miriam Rafaat

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