

# ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## LAST SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

10:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



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*The Rt. Rev. C. Andrew Doyle, Bishop*

# 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

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## **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.

Join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**, from 9:30am to 10:15am.

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

PRELUDE

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN 494

*Crown him with many crowns*

DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## 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 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 (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People          *And also with you.*

Celebrant      Let us pray.

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 Lessons

### FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>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.”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### **PSALM: Psalm 47**

*Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.\**

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
*shout to God with a cry of joy.*

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
*he is the great King over all the earth.*

<sup>3</sup>He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
*and the nations under our feet.*

<sup>4</sup>He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
*the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, \*  
*the LORD with the sound of the ram 's-horn.*

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
*sing praises to our King, sing praises.*

<sup>7</sup>For God is King of all the earth; \*  
*sing praises with all your skill.*

<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations; \*  
*God sits upon his holy throne.*

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
*with the people of the God of Abraham.*

<sup>10</sup>The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
*and he is highly exalted.*

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*The people sit.*

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

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

SEQUENCE HYMN 495

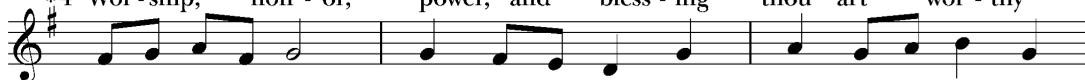
*Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus*

IN BABILONE

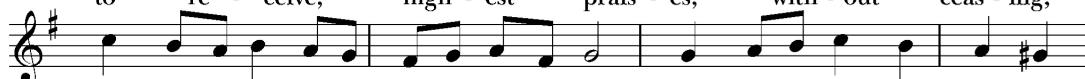
*All stand.*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on -  
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er  
 \*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;  
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,  
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,  
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal  
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -  
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art  
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it  
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the  
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us  
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name  
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53**

*All stand.*

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to his disciples,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the

scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

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

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

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop;  
Andy, our Bishop, Hector our Bishop Assistant; Mark our Rector and for all  
bishops, priests and deacons:  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; Sylvester, our Mayor; and for  
all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

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

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

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

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for: Cathie, Alice, Frances, Todd, Landon, John, Dion, Jim, Albert, Cory, David, Todd, Stephanie, John, James, Ellen, Greg, Jack & Jean, Shirley, Suzanne, Lucia, Jean, Bobby, Dennie, Lance, Lucia, Barbara, Angela, Olive, Lance, Carissa, Kelley, Laura, Pete, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Mary, David, Ann, Valerie, and those known privately to us.

We pray for peace in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of South India and in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's of LaPorte, St. Michael's of LaMarque, St. Thomas the Apostle of Nassau Bay, and Trinity of Galveston.

We invite you to offer your prayers and thanksgivings.

*Silence*

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

*The Celebrant says the following Collect.*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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**

**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**

*Come Thou Fount*

arr. by Marianne Kim

## **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 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.

Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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**

*Holy, holy, holy*

POWELL

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 (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

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 (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Because He Lives*

LEVAS 43



1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
 2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
 3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -



1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
 2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
 3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to



1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
 2. sur - ance, — This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. —  
 3. vic - t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. —



Be - cause He lives — I can face to - mor - row; — Be - cause He lives —



— all fear is gone; — Be - cause I know — He holds the



fu - ture, — And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. —

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## BLESSING

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN 219

ACH HERR, DU ALLERHÖCHSTER

*The Lord ascendeth up on high*

*Unison or harmony*



1 The Lord a - scend - eth up on high, the Lord hath tri - umphed  
2 The heavens with joy re - ceive their Lord, by saints, by an - gel  
3 Our great High Priest hath gone be - fore, up - on his Church his



glo - rious - ly, in power and might ex - cel - ling;  
hosts a - dored; O day of ex - ul - ta - tion!  
grace to pour; and still his love he giv - eth.



the grave and hell are cap - tive led. Lo! he re -  
O earth, a - dore thy glo - rious King! His ris - ing,  
O may our hearts to him a - scend; may all with -



turns, our glo - rious Head, to his e - ter - nal dwell - ing.  
his as - cen - sion sing with grate - ful a - dor - a - tion!  
in us up - ward tend to him who ev - er liv - eth!

### DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

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

### POSTLUDE

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# Announcements

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of the Almighty God by the congregation in loving memory of the children and teachers of Uvalde and in greatest sympathies of their families and friends.*

## MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Monday, June 6th, at 6:30 pm, the Monday Evening Bible study will focus on the New Testament - the canonical root of Christian history and theology. In this study, you can discover how Christian practices developed, conflicts of belief were debated and addressed, the institution of the Church evolved, and Jesus of Nazareth was transformed into the Messiah.



## CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES! JOIN TEAM ASCENSION!

Support West Houston Assistance ministries at their Annual Spring Dash on June 4 to run and fight hunger and poverty in Houston! Everyone is invited to dress in your fanciest cape and/or superhero outfit and run or walk our 5K/1K and they will receive a finisher medal, T-shirt, bib and a swag bag filled with goodies and sponsor gifts! After your heroic run and fight against poverty (POW!), all superheroes will enjoy food, drinks, fun activities, and raffles. Super Pets on leashes are also welcome. Your support (registration, sponsorship, or donation) helps raise funds to provide critical assistance to individuals and families who need food, financial help, and training and education for better job opportunities. Sign-up by scanning. →



## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Family and Friends, share your good news! On June 12, 2022 Ascension will honor high school, specialty programs, technical school, and college/grad school graduates. This is a very special occasion in your family member's faith journey, so mark your calendars and plan to attend the 10:30am service. We need to hear from you by June 9th with the student's name and a short bio including future plans to be printed in the bulletin. Please email the church office with the names of any family members or friends of Ascension who are Spring 2022/Dec 2021 graduates.

## **JUNE 5TH IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!!**

### **WEAR RED!**

We will celebrate the gifts of the spirit on Pentecost Sunday on June 5th. Pentecost is the celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the whole church, the breaking down of walls between us and the sustaining grace calling into union with each other all around the world!!! We ask that you wear red to celebrate this day.

### **PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday with Baptism reception and lunch!! We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, with sides and dessert. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us in celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit!

### **BAPTISMS**

Our next baptism will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, during the 10:30 service. If you, your child, or someone you know is ready for Baptism or would like to learn more, please contact Fr. Mark at [mark@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org](mailto:mark@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org) Please turn in the form by mail, email, or dropping it in the plate. Ascension will be honored to welcome you to a life of grace through Christ our Lord.

### **WHITSUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Whitsunday. In accordance with Canon 14.2 of the Diocese each parish is asked to make an offering for the Episcopal Endowment Fund on that date. If you would like to contribute, please use the labeled white envelopes designated for this fund. Checks written directly to the Diocese will be forwarded; checks written to Ascension with "Endowment Fund" in the memo line will be recorded and one large check sent from Ascension.



### **Welcome Visitors**

Please take a moment to let us know who you are!! Scan the QR code to the left and fill out the form. This will allow us to connect with you and get to know you and your family.

### **Giving**

A quick and easy way to give to the church!! If you would like to give your pledge, make a donation, contribute to specialty music or flower campaigns, or any other reason, simply scan the QR code to the right, make your contribution, and leave a message as to what it is for.



|                                 | <b>May 29, 2022</b>   | <b>June 5, 2022</b>  | <b>June 12, 2022</b>   |
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|                                 | <i>Last Sunday after Easter</i>   | <i>Pentecost Sunday!</i>   | <i>Trinity Sunday</i>  |
| <b>Vestry of the Week</b>       | Dipo Ogunmesa and Pam Schwabrow   | Ken Kingdon and Mike Black   | Jackie Bergquist and Funmi Falayi  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>              | Sutton  | Morales  | Dipuma   |
| <b>Lessons</b>                  | Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21, John 17:20-26, Psalm 97 | Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9, Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17,, Psalm 104:25-35, 37 | Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15, Psalm 8 or Canticle 13 |
| <b>Ushers</b>                   | The Falayi Family   | Edwin and Jolie Murveen  | Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan  |
| <b>8 am Lect./Intercessor</b>   | Dick Stabell  | Ken Kingdon  | Dick Stabell   |
| <b>1030am Lect./Intercessor</b> | Tex Wariboko  | Allison Garcia   | Ngozi Adimora  |
| <b>Stream Team</b>              | Joey Serralta   | Mike Black   | Charlie Goodman  |
| <b>Post Service Coffee</b>      | Nifemi & Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia                               | <b>Pentecost Luncheon</b>  | Cristina Mattern and Margo Kaplan  |

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**Your Current Vestry**

*To Annual Meeting of 2023– Jim Anderson, Ken Kingdon, Dipo Ogunmesa, John Searle*  
*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*

*Thank you for  
worshipping with us!*