

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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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!



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.

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.**

The Word of God

SILENT PROCESSION

GREAT LITANY (BCP) (BCP p. 148)

All stand as you are able.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder;
and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the
Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious
Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming
of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and
in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to
rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true
knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and
living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all
mankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive
thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are
deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins,
negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to
amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to
turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak
-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [*name(s)* and] all the saints,
we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy .

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse.

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

²He shall say to the LORD, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

¹²They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

The people sit.

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

^{8b}“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN 142

ST. FLAVIAN

All stand.

Lord, who throughout these forty days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic - tory win,
 3 As thou didst hun - ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra - cious Lord,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con - quer sin.
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

All stand.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[After his baptism,] ¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this

authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON - (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)

Stand or kneel as you are able.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Night, All Day

arr. Patsy Ford Simms

All night, all day, angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

All night, all day, angels watchin' over me.

Now I lay me down to sleep, angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

Pray the Lord my soul to keep, angels watchin' over me.

Guide me 'cause I want to be good, angels watchin' over me, my Lord.

Help me act the way I should, angels watchin' over me.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS IN SILENCE

The Great Thanksgiving

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B BCP p. 367

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.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 WLP 858

Holy, holy, holy

(Folk/Pruner)

Celebrant and People

(American folk melody)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 169

My flesh is food indeed

URWIN

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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.

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 wish to receive just a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.


COMMUNION HYMN

WLP 810


You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord



1. You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -
2. Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and
3. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



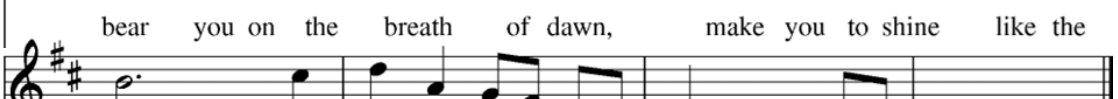
bide in his sha - dow for life, say to the Lord: "My
fam - ine will bring you no fear; un - der God's wings your
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"
ref - uge with faith - ful - ness your shield.
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.



Refrain "And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

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

The Priest blesses the people

RECESSIONAL HYMN 150

AUS DER TIEFE RUF E ICH

Forty days and forty nights



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements



WELCOME TO THE REV. MARK BROWN

We would like extend a warm Ascension welcome to the Rev. Mark Brown. He will be preaching and celebrating with us for the next few weeks at the 10:30 service. Fr. Mark is a husband and father, CEO of WHAM, a reserve deputy sheriff, and recent doctoral graduate. Be sure to say hi.

CAMPUS WORKDAY

Join us on **April 5th** for some landscaping and campus clean-up, so bring your rakes, shovels, and hardworking attitudes, and let's welcome spring!



Wednesday Nights in Lent (Beginning March 12th)

The Lenten Soup Suppers are a wonderful Ascension pastime.

Please join us at 630pm!!

We will serve soup, fellowship, and have a short lent lesson.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Serving</u>	<u>Soup</u>
March 12 th	Deb Dipuma	15 Bean Soup with Ham
March 19 th	Choir	Baked Potato
March 26 th	8 o'clockers	Tomato Basil
April 2 nd	Altar Guild	Chicken Tortilla
April 9 th	Vestry	Chili

Thank you to the volunteers that have stepped up to prepare the soups for us. We couldn't do it without you!!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13th,

8:00am Rite I, with Palms and Reading of the Passion

10:30am Rite II, with Palm Procession
and Reading of the Passion

Maundy Thursday, April 17th,

7:00pm Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 18th,

12:00pm Ecumenical Worship Service led by the
WHAM churches, TBA. 

7:00pm Evening Service, here at Ascension. 

(All Ascension services will be livestreamed; links will be emailed and posted on the website.)



DONATE A LILY

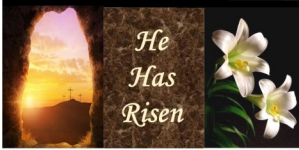
There are no flowers on the Altar during Lent. However, come Easter, the Altar will be overflowing with beautiful Easter lilies. Please donate a lily and write your special dedication in the flower book or send it to the office at office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org. Cost is \$25. Thank you.



EASTER MUSIC NEEDS UNDERWRITERS



Please make an offering to help underwrite the Easter Musicians. They were wonderful at Christmas and we look forward to a repeat performance. Donations may be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc., and will be acknowledged in the Easter orders of service. Donations will be accepted through Easter, but in order for the dedication to appear in the bulletin, it must be received by the office no later than April 14th. Please email the church office (office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org).



Easter Sunday

April 20th,

Flowering of the cross at both services

8:00 am Rite I Worship with Communion ^{NR}

10:30 am Rite II Worship with Communion
and Easter Music Ensemble ^N

Join us after the 10:30am worship,
on the school playground for an **EGG HUNT**

^N Nursery Available ^{NR} Nursery Available on Request ^N Nursery Not Available

DONATE FURNITURE, CHANGE LIVES!

We are seeking donations of furniture in good condition, clean, and without any broken parts. We offer a pick-up service for your convenience. To arrange for pick-up, please visit our website and follow the instructions provided - whamministries.org, or you can contact Nancy at 832 353 0816.



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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 and email to office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org.

Pray for peace in the world: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. In the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, pray for Epiphany of Calvert, Espiritu Santo of Bryan, Holy Innocents of Madisonville, and St. Andrew's of Bryan.

Pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Alice, Sharon, Phyllis, Todd, Ann, Joanna, Dion, Jim, John, Cory, Stephanie John, Ellen, Jack, Ray, Lucia, Phyllis, Katy, Don, David, Lucia, Angela Pat, Olive, Carissa, Maria Isabel, CJ, Margaret, Paul, Mary, Ann, Gemma, Valerie, Cathy, Kenda, Betty, and Mary Jane.

Pray for our college students: Robert Downs, Juliet Hopkins, Makayla King

	March 9th	March 16th	March 23rd
	<i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
Vestry of the Week	Dave Bergquist and Ken Kingdon	Tom Sutton and Amy Criswell	Joan Harwood and Tom Sutton
Altar Guild	Sutton	Smith	Dipuma
Lessons	Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35	Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
Ushers	Volunteer	Liz and Chad Goodman	The Falayi Family
8 am Lect./Intercessor	Ken Kingdon	Glenn Criswell	Joan Harwood
1030am Lect./Intercessor	Allison Garcia	Tim Sloan	Ngozi Adimora
Acolyte	Mathilde Barker	Damisi Falayi	Nifemi Falayi and Edlisha Murvee
Stream Team		Charlie Goodman	Enoch Falayi
Post Service Coffee	Volunteer	Elizabeth Ibarra & Roxanne Haase	Nifemi & Damisi Falayi and Allison Garcia

REESTABLISHING THE LEV MINISTRY

We are reestablishing the LEV, Lay Eucharistic Visitor, ministry. This ministry brings communion to those who are unable to attend church. It is vital that we keep contact with our homebound parishioners during this transition time. We are seeking individuals who are interested, training will be available. Please speak with Sam in the office or Tom Sutton.



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.



Your Current Vestry

To Annual Meeting of 2026 - Tom Sutton, Joan Harwood

To Annual Meeting of 2027— Tex Wariboko, Kathleen Hannah, Tom Downs

To Annual Meeting of 2028— David Bergquist, Amy Criswell, Al Crosby, Ken Kingdon

Staff: Alice Serralta, <i>Organist Choirmaster</i>	alice@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org
Linda Parks, <i>Bookkeeper</i>	finance@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org
Samantha King, <i>Office Administrator</i>	office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

It is always great to see you!

Have a wonderful week!