

ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRINITY

SUNDAY

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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.

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; fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Mission Statement

It is the Mission of Ascension Episcopal Church
to love and worship Jesus Christ through scripture and prayer,
to love and serve one another through fellowship and community outreach,
to prepare and send out 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.

From 9:30am to 10:15am, join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**. **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** takes a summer break, but stayed tuned for fun summer events.

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 362 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant 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

Please remain standing.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the

waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the

seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 8

*Please read responsively by half verse at asterisk.**

¹O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

²Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

⁴When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁵What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

⁶You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

⁷You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

⁸All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

¹⁰O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The people sit.

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

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

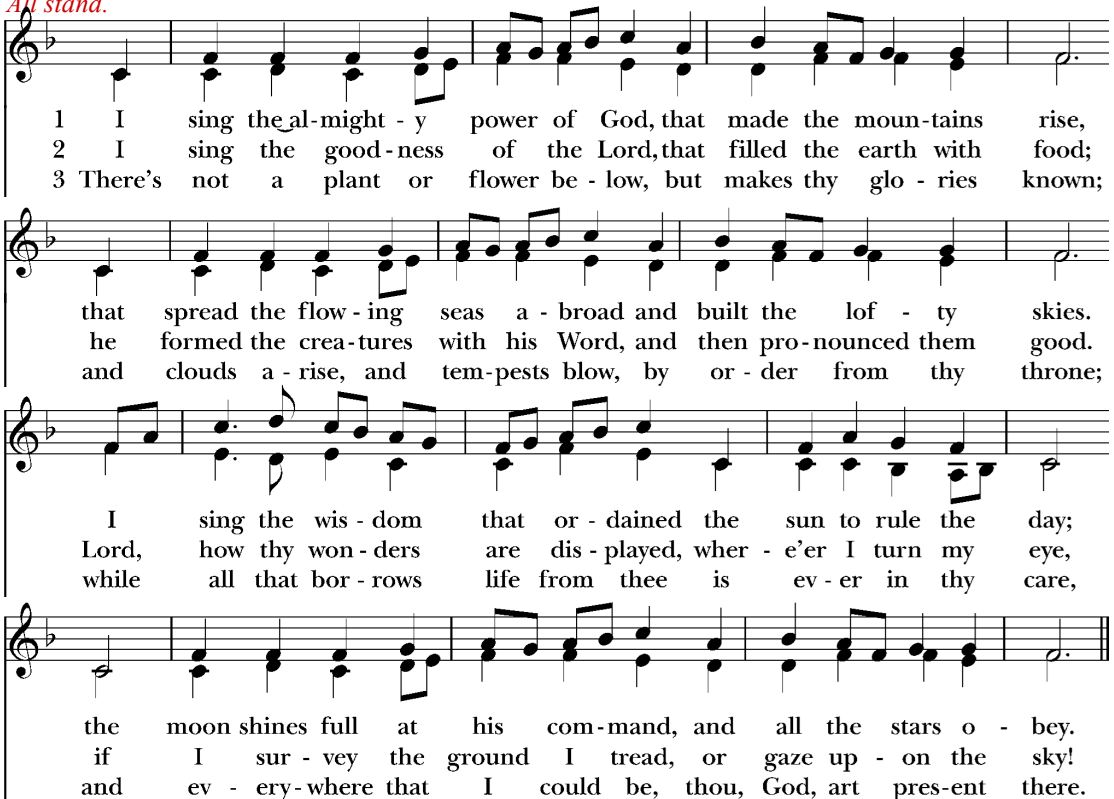
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

SEQUENCE HYMN 398 *I sing the almighty power of God* FOREST GREEN

All stand.



1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 (BCP p. 359)

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 this community, the nation, and 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 Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Kai, Jeff, and Brian, our bishops;
Desmond, our Interim 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.

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable 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.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

John Thornburg and Amanda Husberg

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

AT THE PRESENTATION H380, v3

OLD 100TH

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

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.*

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 114

Holy, holy, holy

WILLAN

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

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;*

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)

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.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 158

O Lamb of God

WILLAN

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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 Christians are welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive the bread, place your right hand, palm up, inside of your left.*
- *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.*

Please use the time during the communion to pray for the following members of our Ascension family by name:

Pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: The Adimora-Nweke Family, Blake, Beatrice, Alice, Sharon, Alan and Ann, Joanna, David, Ronnie, Dion, Glorianna, Cory, Stephanie, Cora, Ellen, Jim, Jack, Ray, Rhonda, Lucia, Katy, Lucia, Angela, Sayge, Pat, Olive, Carissa, Maria Isabel, CJ, Margaret, 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

COMMUNION HYMN 366 *Holy God, we praise thy Name* GROSSER GOTT



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,



1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;



1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

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.*

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

The Priest blesses the people, saying

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Organist: Cristian Guzman

SERMON NOTES

#A

“I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

When life seems hopeless, He promises His presence.

Matthew 28:20:

“Humanly speaking, it is impossible.

But with God everything is possible.”

When life seems impossible, He offers hope.

Matthew 19:26

“I will never fail you nor forsake you.”

When life feels overwhelming, God builds our confidence.

Hebrews 13:5

#B

but stay in the city until

you have been clothed with power from on high.” **Luke 24:49**

After you receive that gift, the power of the Holy Spirit
“You will be my witnesses...” **Acts 1:8**

#C

Where Are We to Be Witnesses?

Jerusalem — The People Closest to You

Judea — Your Community

Samaria — People Different from You

The Ends of the Earth — The Whole World

#D

The Great Commission - Matthew 28:19–20

1. Go

2. Make disciples

3. Baptizing them

4. Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

#E

Jesus ended the Great Commission with three powerful truths.

Go With My Power, My Message, and My Presence

And let the whole world know that Jesus Christ is alive.



Graduate Recognition Sunday

*Today we recognize the following for their hard work
and dedication in the completion of their schooling:*

Morgan M. Goebel, granddaughter of James Turner and Constance O'Brien, will graduate May 8, 2026, from Texas A&M University, Magna Cum Laude, B.S. in Education with a concentration in Special Education. She is relocating to Victoria and is looking forward to her new position as a Special Ed Teacher at Vickers Elementary in Victoria. Hers will be an inclusion and resource classroom.

Announcements

BISHOP VISIT

Bishop Monterroso will be visiting Ascension on June 7, 2026. He will celebrate and preach at the 10:30 service. His bio is available in the Happenings. He thoroughly enjoyed our fancy coffee hour, so we will host similarly. Please let Samantha know that you are contributing bite sized pastries or fruit.

SJD/AEC PRESENTATION FOLLOWING THE BISHOP'S TEA

Following the Bishop's Tea, at approx. 12:30 on June 7th, there will be an informative presentation about the partnership and progress between St. John the Divine and Ascension. We encourage you all to stay and hear the exciting progress that the working groups have made, where we are headed and how you can help.

A SPECIAL PRAYER INVITE

The members of the Ascension and St John the Divine Prayer Group that typically meet on Wednesday afternoon are holding a special prayer here at Ascension on Tuesday 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. Hope to see you there!

G.L.O.W.

GOD LIGHTS OUR WAY

St John the Divine invites your youngsters to 2026 VBS!! Join children 4 years old to 5th grade and GLOW with the flow and join us for the brightest week of the year as we explore what it means when Jesus says, *"I am the light of the world."* (John 8:12)



The brand-new VBS music video for GLOW is here! It is the Family Hymnal's latest release and this high-energy song will have kids singing, dancing, and discovering. Watch the video (link on the registration page), learn the moves, and then join us for a week full of fun, faith, and shining bright together!

Register Now! Link is available in the Happenings, or go to sjd.org/events. There are postcards available in the narthex. Cost is \$50 per person., scholarships are available, just ask Sam in the office. Registration open through June 7.

SUMMER CHOIR



Come and join the summer choir. Summer Choir, sometimes called pick-up choir, starts June 14th; this means there are no Wednesday evening rehearsals, no robing, no processing; just come Sunday morning at 9:30 to learn an simple unison or two part anthem!

	May 31st	June 7th	June 14th
	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>
Vestry of the Week	Ken Kingdon and Volunteer	Amy Criswell and Volunteer	Tom Downs and Al Crosby
Altar Guild	Sutton	Smith	Dipuma
Lessons	Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20	Hosea 5:15-6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)
Sunday School Teachers	LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION	Summer Break	Summer Break
Ushers	Al Crosby and Loretta Law	The Falayi Family	Liz and Chad Goodman
8 am Lect./Intercessor	Ken Kingdon	Glenn Criswell	Tom Downs
1030 am Lect./Intercessor	Pam Schwabrow	Allison Garcia	Ngozi Adimora
Acolyte	Chloe Schwabrow	Lonimi Falayi	Mathilde Claiborne/ Dara Ogunmesa
Stream Team	Mike Black	Enoch Falayi	Emerson Goodman
Post Service Coffee	Roxanne Haase and Elizabeth Ibarra	BISHOP'S TEA	Mike and Sharon Black

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 as we did during the communion, we also pray for peace in the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Rwanda and in the Diocese of Texas Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Martin-in-the-Fields of Keller, St. Mary's of Hillsboro, and Trinity of Fort Worth.



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.



***It was great to see you.
Have a great week!***