

All Saints Sunday

Episcopal Church *of the* Ascension

November 1, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshiping with us today! The mission of the Church of the Ascension is to restore all people to unity with God and each other, and we joyfully welcome all people into our life and fellowship. We strive to be a radically-inclusive community with diverse and vibrant worship, intentionally-focused on children and youth, caring for each other, and on being the hands and feet of Christ in all that we do.

To help us welcome you, please take a moment to complete a connect card, located in your pew, then place it in the collection plate. Virtual cards are also available on the website.

	Ushers can guide you to the most convenient restroom. A unisex restroom is available in the Narthex (foyer).
	Ask an usher about accessing the hearing loop or put your hearing device on telecoil.
	Our professionally staffed nursery is open. An usher can help direct you.
	Help us get to know you. Visit the welcome desk for a nametag.
	Help us remain a place where everyone feels seen, valued, and uplifted. We encourage you to greet and welcome those in front of you, behind you, and in your pew.

Holy Baptism and Eucharist

Opening Voluntary *Variations on "Sine Nomine"* Richard Proulx

Welcome

Please stand, as you are able, as the procession enters the nave.

Processional Hymn *For all the saints, who from their labors rest* The Hymnal 287

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

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

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

Please be seated

First Lesson Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

34:1-10,22

I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

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

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

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

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-13

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

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

I sing a song of the saints of God The Hymnal 293

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil

against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Please be seated.

Sermon The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley

Holy Baptism

Today, we joyfully welcome Jesus Angel Rangel, Carter Nash Rangel, Austin Nolan Rangel, Vanessa Rangel Campos, Alfredo Campos, Jr., Morgen Ashley Eidson, and Sarah Shah into the family of God through Holy Baptism. The People remain seated during the Presentation of the Candidates.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Priest asks the following questions which are answered by the presenters.

Priest The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Answer I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

If the Candidate is an adult or older child, the Priest asks:

Priest Do you desire to be baptized?
Answer I do.

If the Candidate is a child, the Priest asks:

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Answer I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ.
Answer I will, with God's help.

The Priest asks the following questions which are answered by the Candidates or their parents and sponsors.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his love and grace?
Answer I do.

Priest Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

Please stand, as you are able. The Presider addresses the People.
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?
We will.

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers.
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Prayers for the Candidates

Deliver them, O Lord from the way of sin and death.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Send them into the world in witness to your love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.

The Priest then prays the following concluding collect.
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The people are seated as each candidate is presented by name to the Priest, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying
N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Priest then marks the newly baptized's forehead with chrism oil, making the sign of the cross.
N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

The Priest gives to the newly baptized a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle.
Receive the Light of Christ and by it may you keep the faith of your Baptism. **Amen.**

When all the Candidates have been baptized, the Priest prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory

You may scan this code to make a one-time offering:

Celebrant I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall ever be in my mouth. Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who trust in God!

Please be seated.

Anthem *Give us the wings of faith to rise* James Whitbourn

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see that saints above,
how great their joys, how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came: they with united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod, His zeal inspired their breast,
and following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

Please stand, as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving **Prayer C**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

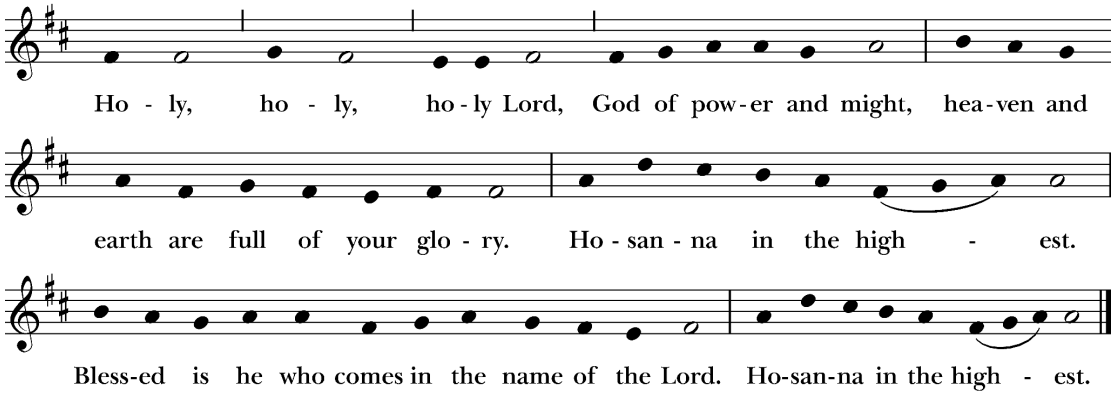
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The Hymnal S124

Spoken at 8:00; sung at 10:30



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The presider continues the prayer and then says

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

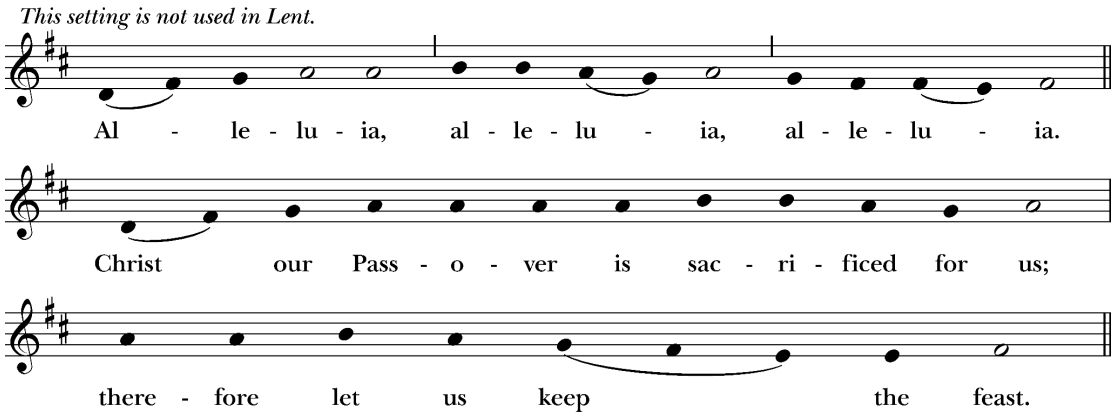
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

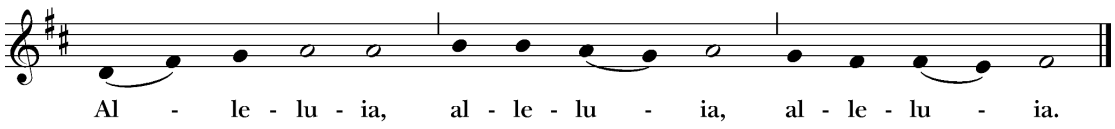
All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

After the Bread is broken, silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem The Hymnal S 154





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Communion of the People

Please follow the instructions of the ushers. All who are baptized by water and in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. To indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free host, hold out your hands together, palms down. There is something for everyone at God's table today.

Communion Anthem *Pie Jesu* Andrew Lloyd Webber

Pie Jesu, qui tollis peccata mundi dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Ryn Jenkins & Susanna Holland, soloists

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God,

All **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.**

Please stand. On Sundays when we send visitors to the homebound or ill, the service continues:

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May God give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May God strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and all those you love whether alive or departed, this day and forever. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* The Hymnal 618

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary *Praeludium in E-flat, BWV 552* J.S. Bach

Our Prayer List

Our Members: Joan & Dan; Richard; Patrick; Helen; Craig & Kay; Joe & Betty; Jim & Gayle; Phil; Brad & Janie; Pat; Daniel; Alice.

Our Friends & Family Emily; Nancy; Catherine; Robert; Carolyn; Jody; Cooper; Betty; The Felicito family; Tracey; Steve; Katara; Mary; Blake; Evyonne; Brandon & Becky; Monique; Mac; Kirk; Ron; Susan; Marcy; Cheryl; Michelle; Carrie; Kenn; Karen; Lani; Gary; Greg; Colleen; Krystal & Newman; Eric; Judy & Alfred; Nancy; Spence; Linda & Emma; Sadie; Zylynda; Jacqueline; George; George & Sue; Titus; Richard; Alexis; Taylon; Gould Family; Jamie; Trish; Paulette; Eva; Lupita & family; Charles & John.

For the homeless and those in need; for migrants and refugees at our border and around the world, especially Juan, Jose, Pedro, Ayoub, Nakisa, Afsaneh, Evaristo, Mo, Barbod, Milad, Sahel, Farshid, Amir, Blas Bautista, and their families; for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Iran, and Gaza and those who seek help from war; and for those who face threats of violence. For all schools, students, and teachers, especially for the mission and ministry of historically-Black colleges and universities throughout our nation.

Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne.

Upcoming Events & Notices

ALL SOULS' DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Monday, November 2 at 6:00 pm | Ascension's Memorial Garden

On All Souls' Day, the Church remembers all the faithful departed, those we love but see no longer. Join us in the Memorial Garden for a simple service of prayer, Scripture, and remembrance. This Sunday, November 1, we will display a book of remembrance in the Narthex, which will contain the names of all those interred here. These names will be read aloud during the service. In addition, you will be invited to write the names of any family or friends you are remembering this year and, during the service, you'll be invited to speak them aloud. There is a small chance of rain next week, so we're prepared to move the service into the Nave if needed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MORRIGAN VON DER GOLTZ
Saturday, November 7 | 2:00 p.m.

Last month we shared the news of the death of Morrigan von der Goltz, daughter of Dan Cotton and stepdaughter of Joan Romanosky. A memorial service will be held at Ascension on Saturday, November 7, at 2:00 p.m. We continue to hold Dan, Joan, and their family in our prayers as they grieve.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT FAMILY FESTIVAL
Sunday, November 15 | 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Advent is a season when we keep our lamps lit and make room in our hearts to welcome Jesus at his birth. This year, we gather around the angels of Advent. Join us between services for food, fellowship, and activities for all ages!

STREAM TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

For many seekers, our Sunday morning livestream provides a first glimpse of Ascension. Most people watch an online service before they ever walk through our doors, which means our Stream Team is vital to our mission. To help this ministry thrive, we are forming a group of eight to 10 people, who will serve periodically in teams of two or three, to run sound and the livestream for our 10:30 a.m. services. No experience is needed beyond basic computer comfort — we will train you! To learn more, stop by the tech desk after church, email Mtr. Rebecca at rebecca.tankersley@ascensiondallas.org or call the church office at 214.340.4196.



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