



FOURTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
Pentecost

Episcopal Church *of the* Ascension

August 30, 2026 | 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

The mission of Episcopal 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 are a radically-inclusive community with diverse and vibrant worship, intentionally focused on children and youth, caring for each other, and being the hands and feet of Christ in all that we do. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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. You can also complete a virtual card on our website.

We offer Children's Chapel at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3 and up, with an age-appropriate liturgy. To join, children follow the smaller processional cross during the opening hymn; they return to sit with their families at the Peace. Weekly activities are available in the Narthex for children of all ages. Our ushers will be glad to help you locate these. Please return them at the end of the service.

To help you prepare for worship, we recommend that you:

- Take a moment to sit quietly and breathe deeply to allow yourself to become fully present to the space.
- Silence cell phones and other devices.
- Review this bulletin so you'll know what's in store. We invite you to join in as much or as little as feels comfortable for you.
- Prepare for Holy Eucharist (communion), which we share each week. All baptized Christians are invited to receive by coming to the altar rail as directed. Place your hands together, palms up to receive the host (for gluten free, place your hands together palms down). You can then consume the bread and take a sip from the chalice, or you may hold the host in your hand to allow a eucharistic minister to intinct (dip) it into the wine (after which, they will place it back in your hand). If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion, we invite you to come forward for a blessing, which you will indicate you desire by crossing your arms over your chest. There is something for everyone at God's table today!
- Connect, if needed, to our hearing loop. This is accessible through the telecoil function in your device. For more information or need assistance connecting, please ask an usher.
- Take a tour, which we offer on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Hymns and other service music contained in this bulletin are only used at our 10:30 a.m. service.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
10:30 service only

Voluntary in D

John Stanley

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN 379: Blue Hymnal *God is Love, let heaven adore him*
10:30 service only

Abbot's Leigh

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love, and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever o'er the universe must reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE

Spoken at 8:00 service

Gloria in excelsis

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.

Sung at 10:30 service
Verses 1 & 5

Earth and all stars

Hymn 412: Blue Hymnal

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain He has done marvelous things,
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Classrooms and labs loud boiling testtubes, sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, loud cheering people, sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and

you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN 675: Blue Hymnal *Take up your cross, the Savior said*

Bourbon

Verses 1-3; 10:30 service only

Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm,
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.

Please remain standing, as you are able.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get

behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Rebecca Tankersley

After a brief period of quiet reflection, the Celebrant will stand. Please stand as well, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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

- Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
- Leader* For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
- Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
- Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
- Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
- Leader* For Rob, our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.
- Leader* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (*Prayers may be offered silently or aloud.*) Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.
- Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (*Prayers may be offered silently or aloud.*) We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.
- Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (*Names may be offered silently or aloud.*) Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.
- Celebrant* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for

you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please kneel, as you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

A brief period of silence precedes the confession to allow time for self examination.

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

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory is a time for us to offer ourselves, our souls and our bodies, as well as gifts of money, bread, wine, music, and meditation to the Lord. Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the clergy. The people stand while the offerings are presented.

Celebrant Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Please be seated.

HYMN 819: Green Hymnal

Guide my feet

Werde munter

10:30 service only

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race,
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain,

Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race,
'Cause I don't want to run this race in vain.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant 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.

The Celebrant continues

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

HYMN S128: Blue Hymnal
Spoken at 8:00; sung at 10:30

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus)

William Mathias

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Please stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues.

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:

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

A period of silence is observed after the Celebrant breaks the bread, after which:

8:30 service

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

10:30 service

HYMN S155: Blue Hymnal *Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover*

Gerald R. Near

***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. First, you will receive the host. (Gluten free is available upon request.) You can consume this then sip from the chalice, or you may leave the host in your hand, and our eucharistic minister will intinct (dip) the host and place it back in your hand. Our tradition teaches that to receive either element (bread or wine) is to receive in full. If you are not baptized or do not wish to receive communion for any reason, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. There is something for everyone at God's table today.

VOLUNTARY
10:30 service only

Ubi caritas et amor

Gerald Near

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

On Sundays when we send visitors to the homebound or ill

SENDING OUT OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

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

BLESSING

Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Bless those who persecute you, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and live peaceably with all; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN 779: Green Hymnal *The church of Christ in every age*
10:30 service only

Dunedin

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise. A caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood.
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all without reserve and spread Christ's liberating word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

10:30 service only

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

Our Prayer List

Our Members Patrick; Becca; Helen; Craig & Kay; Lisa; Mike; Joe & Betty; Jim & Gayle; Brad & Janie; Daniel; and Alice.

Our Friends & Family Betty; The Felicito family; Terry; Morrigan; Tracey; Rebecca; Steve; Katara; Mary; Blake; Michael; Evyonne; Brandon & Becky; Aaron & Kelli; 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 (husband of Theresa); Richard; Alexis; Taylon; Gould Family; Jamie; Trish; Paulette; Eva; Mason; Lupita & family; Charles & John.

For The Faithful Departed Jack Cruttenden, father of Lisa Breda; Theresa (wife of Titus).

For the homeless and those in need; for migrants and refugees at our border and around the world, especially Juan, Jose, Pedro, Ayoub, 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 those affected by extreme heat and wildfires around the globe — the victims, their loved ones, and the communities enduring hardship — as well as the dedicated individuals and organizations involved in ongoing relief efforts. Awaken us to our common humanity.

Upcoming Events & Notices

FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

Begins on September 13 | 9:15 a.m.

On September 13th at 9:15, we launch a new season of formation for all ages. Adults begin with a two-week class on the Nicene Creed, led by Mtr. Rebecca, followed by a seven-week study of Women in the Old Testament. Kids can join Godly Play (Pre-K–2nd grade) or Journeying Through the Gospels (3rd–6th grade), and our youth (6th–12th grade) meet for Bible study, service, and community. Formation is for all of us, wherever you are in your faith. Nursery is available for children under 4 during this time. Come as you are and join us. Learn more about these offerings through our website under GROW. All are welcome.

JOHN JOHNSON'S RETIREMENT - LET'S CELEBRATE HIM!

Sunday, September 13th | Potluck after 10:30 a.m. Service

For years, John Johnson has kept Ascension running, often before most of us even arrived on Sunday mornings. Now it's our turn to thank him. Join us after the 10:30 service on September 13 for a potluck celebrating John's retirement as our Sexton, complete with fun, games, and all the food you can bring. Radical Hospitality has the drinks covered, including tea, lemonade, and adult beverages. Bring a main, a side, a dessert, or bread, and come say thank you to John and his beautiful wife, Nancy, who continues to be a stalwart in our parish right alongside him.

MTR. REBECCA'S INSTITUTION AS ASCENSION'S EIGHTH RECTOR

Saturday, September 19 | 10:00 A.M.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, September 19, we will gather to celebrate a joyful milestone in the life of our parish. The Right Reverend Robert P. Price, Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, will institute Mtr. Rebecca, as Eighth Rector of Ascension, at a special 10:00 a.m. service, held here at 8787 Greenville Avenue.

This service of institution is a beautiful and historic tradition in our tradition, a public

celebration of the covenant between a rector and her people. We hope you'll join us to pray, celebrate, and welcome Mtr. Rebecca into this new chapter of ministry among us.

A reception will follow the service. We look forward to celebrating together!

WATER FOR SANDBRANCH

Over the past two and a half years, Ascension has delivered nearly 3,000 cases of water to Sandbranch, an unincorporated community southeast of Dallas that still has no access to clean running water. We're collecting bottled and gallon water all month for our September delivery. Drop off donations in the designated bins in the Narthex.

You can also give directly through our Water Ministry fund by clicking on QR code. (Select "Water Ministry" from the fund menu.)





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OF THE
ASCENSION**

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