



EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER

*Pentecost*

Episcopal Church *of the Ascension*

October 12, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

## **Welcome to Church of the Ascension!**

Whether you're a guest or a long-time member, you'll find a warm community emanating love for the uniqueness God has sown within each one of us. We hope the notes below will help guide and connect you to this community.

Connect cards are in the pews, at the Welcome Center, and can be accessed through our website. Most weeks, we send two emails which include announcements, events, and information about worship. If you are a guest, please complete the Connect card, drop it in the collection plate on your way out, leave it with a greeter at the Welcome Center, or press "Send" if you fill it out online. We'd appreciate the opportunity to follow up with you. Members can use these cards to update information, as well.

A few notes to help you prepare for worship:

- Sit and breathe. The world around us is often in a hurry, so take a moment as you arrive to be present to the space and others who are here to worship God. It may also help to silence cell phones or other devices that can be distracting.
- Prepare to pray. This bulletin is your guide: review it. We hope you will join us in prayer and song, but simply being present to the worship is always an option.
- Children are an important part of our community, and they are always welcome in worship. We offer Children's Chapel at the 10:30 a.m. service as a space just for young people (ages 3-9) to engage in worship at their own pace. To join in, simply follow the Children's Chapel processional cross during the singing of the opening hymn. We will return to the Nave at the Passing of the Peace!
- Weekly materials for creative worship are available for children of all ages in the Narthex; ask an usher or greeter if you need help. It's our hope that you will return the materials to the Welcome Desk when you leave so that children can enjoy them week-to-week.
- The sacraments are important to us. In the Episcopal Church, Christ is present in the consecrated bread and wine. 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 lay eucharistic minister will intinct (dip) the host and 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 (please cross your arms over your chest), or remain in your pew.
- As the service ends, some may remain where they are to pray; others will move to the Narthex - the open area just outside our sanctuary - to greet one another and visit. A tour of the church facilities is offered the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. worship, as well.
- For those with hearing aids or Cochlear Implants, our Nave has a hearing loop. You can access the loop by activating the telecoil function in your device, if you would like more information or need assistance connecting, please let us know.

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

HYMN 410: Blue Hymnal     *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

*Lauda anima*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

### 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.**

HYMN S 280: Blue Hymnal

*Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,***

***You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

#### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please read together in unison*

#### PSALM 66:1-11

- 1 **Be joyful in God, all you lands; \*  
sing the glory of his Name;  
sing the glory of his praise.**
- 2 **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \*  
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

- 3     **All the earth bows down before you, \*  
          sings to you, sings out your Name."**
- 4     **Come now and see the works of God, \*  
          how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**
- 5     **He turned the sea into dry land,  
          so that they went through the water on foot, \*  
          and there we rejoiced in him.**
- 6     **In his might he rules for ever;  
          his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*  
          let no rebel rise up against him.**
- 7     **Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
          make the voice of his praise to be heard;**
- 8     **Who holds our souls in life, \*  
          and will not allow our feet to slip.**
- 9     **For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
          you have tried us just as silver is tried.**
- 10    **You brought us into the snare; \*  
          you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- 11    **You let enemies ride over our heads;  
          we went through fire and water; \*  
          but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David--that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those

who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able*

HYMN 571: Blue Hymnal

*All who love and serve your city*

*Charlestown*

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,  
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless,

In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife,  
Honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life.

In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,  
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "I must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,  
Drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord! shall yet the city be the city of despair?  
Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name, "The Lord is there!"

*Please remain standing if able*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*Please be seated*

The Rev. Oliver M. Butler

*Please stand*

THE NICENE CREED

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 358

**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

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

**All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

**All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**All For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Sean our Presiding Bishop; for George and Wayne our Bishops; for Oliver our Interim Rector; for Rob our Bishop Coadjutor; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**All 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;  
**All For your mercy is great.**

Leader We lift up to you the Search Committee as it seeks to raise up the next Rector of Church of the Ascension.  
**All Guide and bless the work you have given them to do.**

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;  
**All 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;  
**All Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 360

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

**All 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, souls and bodies, and 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.*

#### ANTHEM

*Come, ye disconsolate*

Ethan McGrath

*Please stand if able*

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

##### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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      *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.***

*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:

**All            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

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 364

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.**

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 lay eucharistic minister will intinct (dip) the host and place it back in your hand. Our tradition teaches that receiving either (bread or wine) is to receive in full.*

ANTHEM

*For the bread which you have broken*

arr. Howard Helvey

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.**

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

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

*Please stand if able.*

HYMN 411: Blue Hymnal

*O bless the Lord, my soul!*

*St. Thomas*

O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;  
His wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;  
He healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;  
And like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,  
Whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Grand Jeu*

Pierre Du Mage

## *Our Prayer List*

Doug; Jim; Polly; Jose; Marvin; Susan; Suzanne; Paul; Debbie; the Gould family; Nancy; Lani; Jackie; Sadie; Gregg; The Byers family; Judy & ABW; Maddy; Craig; Kevin; Jude; Linda; Gary; Mike & Ginner; Alice; Stephanie; Michael; Jason; Kerry & Damien; Joe & Betty; Zylinda; Yolanda; Kevin; Julian; Earl; Alexis; Sally; Frances; Helen; Jacqueline; Blake & Anne; Jamie; Robert; Jude; Amy; Richard; Paul; Paulette; Joell; Jerry; Spence; Eric; Colleen; Manali, Leo, Milan; Wes; Phil & Sandy; Roger; Glen & Dusty; George & Nancy; Jan; Trish; Titus & Theresa; Judy & Alfred; Suzan; Kenn; Adrian; Deborah; David; Eva Maria; Taylon; Linda; Greg; Jack & Karen; Lupita & Krys; George & Sue; Mary.

For the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Lyons, and grace and comfort for her family and all those who mourn this loss.

Continued prayers of discernment for the Ascension search committee members as they diligently seek a new rector for our parish.

For the homeless and those in need; for migrants and refugees at our border and around the world; for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza and those who seek help from war; and for those who face threats of violence, particularly those at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). For all those affected by the Texas floods — the victims, their loved ones, and the communities enduring hardship — as well as the dedicated individuals and organizations involved in the ongoing relief efforts. Awaken us to our common humanity, our common human needs no matter the walls we build.

Diocese of Dallas Cycle of Prayer: Duke Theological Seminary; Nashotah House Theological Seminary; Trinity School for Ministry; Truett Theological Seminary; Wycliffe College

## *Upcoming Events & Notices*

### **ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**

**Sunday, October 26th | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Ascension Parking Lot**

Join us for our annual Trunk or Treat event! The Youth Group and Parish will host a fun afternoon at the church on Sunday, October 26th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We will have a bounce house, fun games, yummy food, music, and costumes! And of course, there will be lots of candy! Friends and family of the parish are welcome. Please sign up to volunteer your time and/or vehicle to make this our best Trunk or Treat ever! You can donate candy in the Narthex, and you can visit our website to volunteer. Have questions? Email Alice Frederick.

### **SHARING FAITH DINNER**

**Saturday, November 15th | 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

Ascension is proud to join with fellow parishioners from St. Thomas the Apostle and Transfiguration for a meaningful evening of connection, reflection, and shared stories of faith - all over dinner! This is a unique opportunity to grow in community, deepen your faith, and engage in open, respectful sharing and listening. Registration will be open through October 19th. Visit our website to get more information and/or register.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DONATIONS**

**Now through October 31st**

Due to the reduced food options from Sharing Life, our food pantry has seen an increased in demand for tuna and peanut butter. At this time, we also purchase extra food for Holiday Meals. We feed over 200 families each month. We need your donation!

**Here's what we need:   Jars of Peanut Butter       Cans of Tuna       Cash Donations**

There are four simple ways to donate! You can:

1. Drop off your tuna and peanut butter donation in the bin in the Narthex on Sundays.
2. Make a cash or check donation to the Food Pantry. Please make your payment out to the Elaine Kadane Food Pantry and don't forget to put "Food Pantry" in the Memo Section.
3. Give online via our website. Choose "Food Pantry" for the fund.
4. Purchase the items from Amazon and have them shipped to Ascension by clicking on our Food Pantry Wishlist, which can be found on our website. Thank you for your support!



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