



TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER  
*Pentecost*

Episcopal Church *of the Ascension*

August 14, 2022 | 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, or 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; take a moment as you arrive to be present to the space and others who are here to worship God.
- Silence cell phones or other devices that may distract you.
- 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. During the school year, we offer Children's Chapel at the 10:30 am 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 from the Ushers. 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. 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 10:30am worship as well.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN 365: Blue Hymnal

*Come, thou almighty King*

*Moscow*

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy Name to sing,  
Help us to praise. Father whose love unknown all things created own,  
Build in our hearts thy throne, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored;  
Our prayer attend: come, and thy people bless;  
Come, give thy word success; stablish thy righteous, Savior and friend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: thou, who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,  
Hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Book of Common Prayer (Red), p. 355

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son 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 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please read together in unison.*

Psalm 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:**
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?**
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;**
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.**
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 **Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince.'"**

8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets--who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if able.*

HYMN 819: Green Hymnal

*Guide my feet Lord*

*arr. Carl Harris, Jr.*

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 remain standing if able.*

THE GOSPEL

Luke 32-40

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Klitzke

*Please be seated.*

*Please stand.*

THE NICENE CREED

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

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**All: That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**All: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**All: That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**All: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

**All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

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.

**All: Amen.**

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

## 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.*

HYMN 709: Blue Hymnal      *O God of Bethel, by whose hand*

*Dundee*

O God of Bethel, by whose hand thy people still are fed;  
Who through this earthly pilgrimage hast all thine Israel led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present before thy throne of grace:  
O God of Israel, be the God of this succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life our wandering footsteps guide;  
Give us each day our daily bread, and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy sheltering wings around, till all our wanderings cease,  
And at our Father's loved abode our souls arrive in peace!

Such blessings from thy gracious hand our humble prayers implore;  
And thou shalt be our covenant God and portion evermore.

*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.

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      *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...

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...

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.**

*Then the Celebrant and people say together:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Celebrant: 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.

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

*Please kneel if able.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work that you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

*Please stand if able.*

HYMN 490: Blue Hymnal

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

*Houston*

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:* In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father.

*Refrain*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

*Refrain*

#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### CLOSING VOLUNTARY

### *Our Prayer List*

Marsha and Curt; Pete; Janet; Daniel; Betty; Vonnie; Dion; Matthew and family; Richard and family; Catherine; Diane; Kathryn; Jennifer; Mary; Bob; Bill; Norma; Jose; Karen; Bondy; Katherine; Angel; Jill; Rosa; Linda; Lupita Pryor and family; Doug and Olivia; Doris; Ann; Jimmy; Yazzy; Clifton; Michael; Ray; Amanda; Rita; Hoover and Nita; Sarah; Bob & Lou Ann; Shannon; Mary; Adrienne; and John Lewis.

For the nation of Kenya, during a time of the election, that the transition is peaceful.

For the homeless and those in need; for the people of Ukraine and those who seek to help them; for the community of Uvalde and all who suffer loss, and for others who face threats of violence, particularly those at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

Diocese of Dallas Cycle of Prayer: The Convocation Chairs: Mr. Charles Fillebrown (Northern); Mr. Dean Stewart (Western); Ms. Adele Ichillian (Eastern); The Rev. David Faulkner (Southern); Mrs. Susana Williams (Northeastern)



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