



FEAST OF THE
Ascension

Episcopal Church *of the Ascension*

May 12, 2024 | 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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand to sing the hymn

HYMN 214: Blue Hymnal

Hail the day that sees him rise

Llanfair

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please read together

PSALM 47

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

- 2 **For the Lord Most High is to be feared; ***
 he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 **He subdues the peoples under us, ***
 and the nations under our feet.
- 4 **He chooses our inheritance for us, ***
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 **God has gone up with a shout, ***
 the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 **Sing praises to God, sing praises; ***
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 **For God is King of all the earth; ***
 sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 **God reigns over the nations; ***
 God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 **The nobles of the peoples have gathered together ***
 with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 **The rulers of the earth belong to God, ***
 and he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age

to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if able

HYMN 603: Blue Hymnal

When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

When Christ was lifted from the earth, his arms stretched out above
Through every culture, every birth, to draw an answering love.

Still east and west his love extends and always, near or far,
He calls and claims us as his friends and loves us as we are.

Where generation, class, or race divide us to our shame,
He sees not labels but a face, a person, and a name.

Thus freely loved, though fully known, may I in Christ be free
To welcome and accept his own as Christ accepted me.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 became truly human.

**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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, and George and Wayne our Bishops; 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 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.

All 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

Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace

Mary McDonald

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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 people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 S154: Blue Hymnal *Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover*

David Hurd

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

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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ANTHEM

Dear Lord and Father

C. Hubert H. Parry

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand if able

HYMN 460: Blue Hymnal

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:

Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:

Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:

Thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Our Prayer List

Joe; Jerry; Ginny; Jewel; The Heffner family; John; the Stubblefield family; Terry and Jan; Alexis and Fortune; Trish; Rosemary and John; Gloria; the Coney family; the Bryant family; Titus & Theresa; Amit and family; Lani; Clara; Sterling and Kay; Alice; Mark and Jill; Elliott and Suzanne; Judy; Jack; Rebecca; Sallie; Mary Ann and Perry; Kenn; Joy; Terrel; Adrian; Nora; Maureen; Janie; Marlene and Steve; Jeff and Deborah; David; Judy; Pettigrew Family; Marla; Ellie; Teresa; Quinta; Eva Maria; James; Lynda; Nancy; Rosabella; Taylon; Fred; Vanessa; Kelli; James; Lisa; Linda; Sara; The Mohanty family; Janice; Greg; Janet and Bruce; Jennifer; Mary; Jack & Karen; Linda; Lupita Pryor and family; Jimmy; Clifton; Hoover; Mary.

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; for those affected by natural disasters, and those who face threats of violence, particularly those at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Awaken us to our common humanity, our common human needs no matter the walls we build.

Diocese of Dallas Cycle of Prayer: McKinney - St. Andrew's: The Rev. Andrew Van Kirk, The Rev. Paulette Magnuson, The Rev. Logan Hurst; McKinney - St. Peter's: The Rev. Perry Mullins, The Rev. Katherine Heitmann, The Rev. Elizabeth Breyfogle, The Rev. Janice Honea, The Rev. Barbara Kelton; McKinney - Santa Natividad: The Rev. Noe Mendez; Mineola - St. Dunstan's: The Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton, The Rev. Cynthia Moore

Upcoming Events & Notices

ANNUAL ALL-PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, May 19th | After 10:30 a.m. Service

It's time to celebrate the end of the school year, the start of the summer, and Pentecost all at once! Join us on Sunday, May 19th, after the 10:30 a.m. service, for the Annual All-Parish Picnic! All members of Ascension, their families, friends, guests, and all newcomers are invited to our party. We will gather in the large playground area, where the Men's Club will be manning the grille. Face painting, balloon animals, and much fun and frivolity will be had. Hosted by the Radical Hospitality Committee, this is the one event you won't want to miss! **We will provide** grilled hot dogs and hamburgers (both beef and veggie burgers); buns and condiments; plates, napkins, plasticware; some basic drinks and ice; and a few tables for seating. **You can bring** drinks in coolers, chairs or a blanket for seating, and a side dish to share. You can bring your side dish to the kitchen before the 10:30 service, pick it up after services, and bring it to the buffet in the playground. **Please visit our website for side dish assignments!** Look for us out on the large playground - weather permitting, we will have tables dressed up in red to celebrate Pentecost. Questions? Contact Harry Breda by email hbreda@msn.com or by phone at 303.887.5051. We hope to see you there!

VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Tuesday May 28th - Friday, May 31st | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Kids ages 4-11

Our VBS is filling up; we have lots of campers excited to attend! **That means we need more volunteers to help run the show.** Please consider lending any amount of time you can to help out! Email Eva Barraza eva.barraza@ascensiondallas.org with questions or to volunteer!

SANDBRANCH WATER DRIVE

Now through June 1st

Over the past two years, Ascension has collected and delivered over 1,200 cases of water to Sandbranch, an unincorporated community 20 miles from Dallas with no running water. Our latest collection effort is in full swing. Please drop off your donations of bottled or gallon-sized water in the designated areas in the Narthex. We will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 1st, to drive and deliver the water to Sandbranch. Anyone who wants to stay and help with the pantry setup and distribution can do so from 9 to 11 am. If you prefer to make a cash or check gift, you can do so by dropping it off at the church office, putting it in the collection plate at Sunday service, or giving online via our website. Thanks for your support!



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