

# ASCENSION EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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10:30 AM

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



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# Welcome

*You've found home.*

A church home, where whatever your background, however you see God today, no matter how challenging your journey is right now, you belong here. At Ascension Episcopal Church, we strive to be a welcoming and safe place for all people to belong. We hope you encounter the radical love of God and the love of His church community right here.

We're a multi-generational spiritual center, with grandparents, parents, singles, teens and children living out the central invitation from Jesus to Love God, Love Others, and Serve the World. We smile a lot around here, and it's authentic!

We believe that people desire relationships over religion; our Sunday services are engaging and hope-filled. And, I believe that fun and church worship are not mutually exclusive. Love and joy are the byproducts of life with God and with each other. Come see and experience the beauty and love of Christ with us.

Welcome home!



The Rev. Mark W. McDonald

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## JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY.

We offer two services; our **8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite I Traditional Eucharist Service, without music and our **10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE** is a Rite II Contemporary Eucharist Service with organ and choral music.

Our **NURSERY** is available from 9:30 to noon on Sunday mornings. The safeguarded staff maintains a healthy and safe environment for your children.

From 9:30am to 10:15am, join us in person in the Church Library for **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** or Upstairs for **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**,

**Voices of small children are always welcome.  
Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

## PRELUDE

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

### ENTRANCE HYMN 516

*Come down, O Love divine*

DOWN AMPNEY

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn long,  
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;  
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place  
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

### OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

### COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

*The Celebrant may say*

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.*

## **SONG OF PRAISE S 280**

*Glory to God*

POWELL

*The following is sung, all standing*

*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 (BCP p. 357)**

Celebrant      The Lord be with you.

People          *And also with you.*

Celebrant      Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

**PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

*Remain seated. Please read responsively by half verse. \**

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
*in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.*

<sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, \*  
*creatures both small and great.*

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \*  
*which you have made for the sport of it.*

<sup>28</sup>All of them look to you \*  
*to give them their food in due season.*

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
*you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*

<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
*you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.*

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
*and so you renew the face of the earth.*

<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
*may the Lord rejoice in all his works.*

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
*he touches the mountains and they smoke.*

<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
*I will praise my God while I have my being.*

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him; \*  
*I will rejoice in the Lord.*

<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
*Hallelujah!*

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

<sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

People            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

### SEQUENCE HYMN 513

*Like the murmur of the dove's song*

BRIDEGROOM

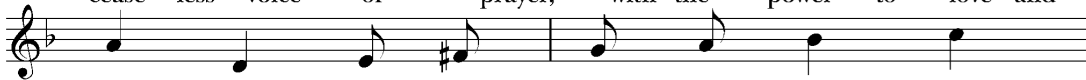
*All stand.*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might:            come, ——— Ho - ly Spi - rit,        come.  
sign:            come, ——— Ho - ly Spi - rit,        come.  
pare:            come, ——— Ho - ly Spi - rit,        come.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*All stand.*

Priest            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People            *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

[Jesus said to his disciples,] <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

People            *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## THE SERMON - THE REV. MARK W. MCDONALD+ (BCP P. 358)

### THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

*All stand.*

Celebrant    Do you believe in God the Father?

People        *I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People        *I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of 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.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
People *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.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)**

*Stand or kneel as you are able. The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, our Bishop, Hector our Bishop Assistant; Mark our Rector and for all bishops, priests and deacons:  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for Joe, our President; Greg, our Governor; John, our Mayor; and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*  
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially \_\_\_\_\_;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for: Phyllis, Todd, Dion, Jim, John, Cory, Todd, Stephanie, John, Ellen, Greg, Jack, Lucia, Jean, Johnny, Katy, Don, David, Lucia, Angela, Pat, Olive, Carissa, Laura, Maria Isabel, C.J., Margaret, Tim, Mary, David, Ann, Valerie, and those known privately to us

We pray for peace in the world. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada and in the Diocese of Texas Cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mary's of Hillsboro, St. Stephen's of Hurst, and Trinity of Fort Worth.

We invite you to offer your prayers and thanksgivings.

*Silence*  
*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*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.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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 (BCP p. 360)

*All stand.*

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People          And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries and those who are Traveling**

*If you are a visitor or guest, please scan the QR code in the announcements section of this bulletin and give us your contact information. Let us connect with you!*

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      *Shine, Jesus Shine*      by Graham Kendrick  
(The congregation invited to sing along)

*Lord, the light of your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me*

*Chorus -- Shine, Jesus, shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; Set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow; Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth your word; Lord, and let there be light*

*Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
From the shadows into your radiance  
By the blood I may enter your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me (Chorus)*

*As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
So our faces display your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story  
Shine on me, shine on me (Chorus)*

## PRESENTATION HYMN 380 vs 3

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

### SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367)

*The People remain standing.*

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 our thanks and praise.*

### PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367)

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 [on this day] 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:

### SANCTUS S 130

*Holy, holy, holy*

SCHUBERT/PROULX

*Celebrant and People*

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moving to A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and". The second staff continues the melody from the first staff, starting on G4 and moving to A4, B4, and C5. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". There is a long horizontal line under "might," indicating a breath mark or a long note.

*Sanctus continues on next page.*

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 368)

*The People stand or kneel.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

*We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;*

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369)**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

# The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

**FRACTION ANTHEM S154**

*Christ our Passover*

HURD

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who hope to love God more. So, come, you who have faith and you who have doubts. Come if you have been here often, and come if you have not been here long. Come if you have followed, and come if you have stumbled, come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who seek him will meet him here at God's table. Come!

## **AT THE COMMUNION**

- *All baptized Christian welcome to receive communion.*
- *To receive communion, place your right hand inside of your left to receive the bread.*
- *To receive a gluten free wafer please place your palms together.*
- *You may then either drink from the cup or dip the bread into the wine.*
- *If you wish to receive just a blessing, please cross your hands over your chest.*



# COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 119

## *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

**POST-COMMUNION HYMN 225**

SALVE FESTA DIES

*Lo, in the likeness of fire [Hail Thee, Festival Day!]*

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal-lowed for

ev - er, day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the

world with God's grace. grace.

1 Lo, in the like - ness of fire, on those who a -  
3 Hark! for in myr - i - ad tongues Christ's own, his —

wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the  
cho - sen a - pos - tles, preach to the

*Repeat Refrain*

Lord fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly, de - scends:  
ends of the earth Christ and his won - der - ful works:

2 Forth from the Fa - ther he comes with seven - fold  
 4 Praise to the Spi - rit of Life, all praise to the

my - sti - cal of - fering, pou - ring on all hu - man  
 fount of our be - ing, light that dost light - en

### DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

*People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### POSTLUDE





## Graduate Recognition Sunday

*Today we recognize the following for their hard work  
and dedication in the completion of their schooling:*

**G**rayson McDonald, son of Joni and Mark McDonald, will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Illustration from Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. While at SCAD, Grayson worked as a student mentor to aspiring high school artists and illustrated a soon-to-be published children's book for a Houston children's book author. After graduation, Grayson will be moving to Asheville, North Carolina to pursue a career as an art teacher and freelance illustrator.

**C**olin Criswell graduated in May from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Journalism degree. He is looking for work in the communications field.

**N**oel Conner Manning graduated May 10, 2024, from University of Houston Katherine G. McGovern College of the Arts Moores School of Music, Bachelor of Music, Magna Cum Laude! Noel plays French horn, trumpet, piano, and he is a super tenor. He is applying for elementary general music and middle school band jobs. He will be singing with the Texas Music Festival on Friday, June 7th at 7:30 pm at UH! We are very proud of Noel and his accomplishments.

**R**obert Downs will graduate from Strake Jesuit College Preparatory School. He was a member of SWAT (Students With A Testimony) his junior year and served as president his senior year. He was a group leader at the Kairos retreat as a senior. He played second base on the varsity baseball team, and was selected for first Academic All-State Team by the Texas High School Coaches Association. He will attend St. Edward's University in Austin, majoring in kinesiology with plans for a graduate program in physical therapy.

# **Announcements**

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of the Almighty God in thanksgiving for His many blessings and in celebration of our graduates.*



## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

Be sure to congratulate our Spring 2024/Dec 2023 graduates. Their accomplishments are numerous and their futures bright. You may read about their success and plans in the brief bios listed on the previous page.

## **TODAY IS PENTECOST SUNDAY!!**

### **PENTECOST CELEBRATION**

Join us after the 10:30 service today to enjoy a potluck celebration provided by all of you wonderful secret recipes and delicious treats you have brought to share.

Can't wait to try the savory dishes, casseroles, salads, and desserts all while catching up church family.

### **WHITSUNDAY**

Pentecost is also Whitsunday. In accordance with Canon 14.2 of the Diocese each parish is asked to make an offering for the Episcopal Endowment Fund on that date.

If you would like to contribute, please use the labeled white envelopes designated for this fund. Checks written directly to the Diocese will be forwarded; checks written to Ascension with "Endowment Fund" in the memo line will be recorded and one large check sent from Ascension.

### **SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**

Julie Collins has arranged a special guest speaker, whom she met at the Friends of Westchase Luncheon, to speak at the Ladies Bible Study. On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Sharon Collins, a Christian artist, author and speaker will join their group at 1:00PM in the library to present a 45 minute speech accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation of her beautiful artwork. You may view her website at <https://faithandartintersect.com/>. Please come, enjoy, and be blessed!

## SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir starts Sunday, May 26th. No Wednesday evening rehearsals, just show up Sunday morning at 9:30 to learn an easy unison or two part anthem!

## EPISCOPAL CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

**Bishop Doyle will be visiting us on Sunday, August 18-** and he will preside over the service of Confirmation for all adults who wish to be confirmed as an Episcopalian. For those interested, we will be scheduling two Saturdays of classes. **In order to be confirmed, you must attend these classes.** Please let Fr. Mark know you are interested.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are studying the Book of Acts every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Church Library, and for those who are unable to join us in person, there is a zoom link, which can be used for ALL of the Tuesday Night Bible Study Classes. I hope you join us and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. -God's Peace, Fr. Mark+

	<i>May 19th</i>	<i>May 26th</i>	<i>June 2nd</i>
	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>
<b>Vestry of the Week</b>	Funmi Falayi and Tex Wariboko	Carol Goulet and Mike Black	Joan Harwood and Kathleen Hannah
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dipuma	Cole	Sutton
<b>Lessons</b>	Acts 2:1-21, ] Psalm 104:25-35, 37, Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17	Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6
<b>Ushers</b>	Edwin and Jolie Murvee	Todd and Cindy Breton	Alayne and Warren Bryant
<b>8 am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Ken Kingdon	Carroll Prasad	Allison Garcia
<b>1030am Lect./Intercessor</b>	Pam Schwabrow	Todd Breton	Julie Downs
<b>Stream Team</b>	Enoch Falayi	Cooper McDonald	Robert Downs
<b>Post Service Coffee</b>	<b>Pentecost Potluck Luncheon</b>	Mike and Sharon Black and Isaac Griesbaum	Wole Birthday Celebration



## Welcome Visitors

Please take a moment to let us know who you are!! Scan the QR code to the left and fill out the form. This will allow us to connect with you and get to know you and your family.

## Giving

A quick an easy way to give to the church!! If you would like to give your pledge, make a donation, contribute to specialty music or flower campaigns, or any other reason, simply scan the QR code to the right, make your contribution, and leave a message as to what it is for.



***Thank you for worshipping with us.***  
***It is always***  
***Great to see you!***

