

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 16, 2025

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama

The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop

The Reverend Candice B. Frazer, Rector

The Reverend Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

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Charlie Hawthorne

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

Voluntary *Chant de Paix* (J. Langlais)

Introit *Nada de turbe* (J. Berthier)

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God can never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten

God alone fills us.

Hymn 665 *All my hope on God is founded* (Michael)

1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness e're endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendor, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

The Celebrant says

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 S280 *Glory to God in the highest* (R. Powell)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 17:5-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

William Russell
(1777–1813)



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the / counsel of • the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor / sat in • the / seats of • the / scornful!

2 Their delight is in the / law of • the / Lord, *
and they meditate on his / **law** / day and / night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that / do not / wither; *
everything / **they** / do shall / prosper.

4 It is not / so with • the / wicked; *
they are like / chaff which • the / wind blows • a- / way.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judg - ment / comes, *
nor the sinner in the / coun - cil / of the / righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the / way of • the / righteous, *
but the / way of • the / wicked • is / doomed.

THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 635 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee (Wer nur den lieben Gott)*

Unison or harmony

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, and hope in him through
2 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, he'll give thee strength what - e'er be - tide thee,
faith - ful - ly, and trust his word, though un - de - serv - ing;

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on a rock that nought can move.
sook in need the soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wer nur den lieben Gott'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes two verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system continues the lyrics. The fourth system concludes the lyrics. The music is written in a simple, unison style suitable for congregational singing.

Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829-1878), alt. Music: *Wer nur den lieben Gott*, Georg Neumark (1621-1681).

THE GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

Celebrant: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on

account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: *The Rev. Candice B. Frazer*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 are Form III** found in your bulletin or on page 387 in the Book of Common Prayer. You are invited to respond appropriately.

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 the discernment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian our bishops; and Candice and Drew, our clergy; and all other bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our President; Kay, our Governor; Steven, our Mayor; and 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.

We pray for : Mark, Nancy, Paul, Jill, George, Ann, Mimi, Cynthia, Bill, Debbie, Janet, Lila, Andi, Bob, Brittney, Violet, Jean, Ann, Sue & Bill, Betty, Sophie, Edith, Hugh, Marion, Ginny, Anne, Bruce. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died especially those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Dr. Daniel Gordon Gill, Ella Frances Gill, Grace Gladys Gill, Mildred Gaston Beale, Dr. Leigh Gill, Dr. Gordon Gill.
Give to the departed eternal rest.
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 the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad; we pray for peace throughout the world; and we give thanks for Ascension Day School.

We pray for *The Way, The Truth, and The Life, our capital campaign.*

We pray for the discernment of the 13th bishop of Alabama: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence—the priest will offer a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Anthem Epiphany Alleluias (J. Weaver)

*Alleluia! We have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship Him.
Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is ris'n upon thee.
Alleluia!*

Presentation The Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 3) (Old 100th)

*Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,
People: And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.*

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

People 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 proceeds

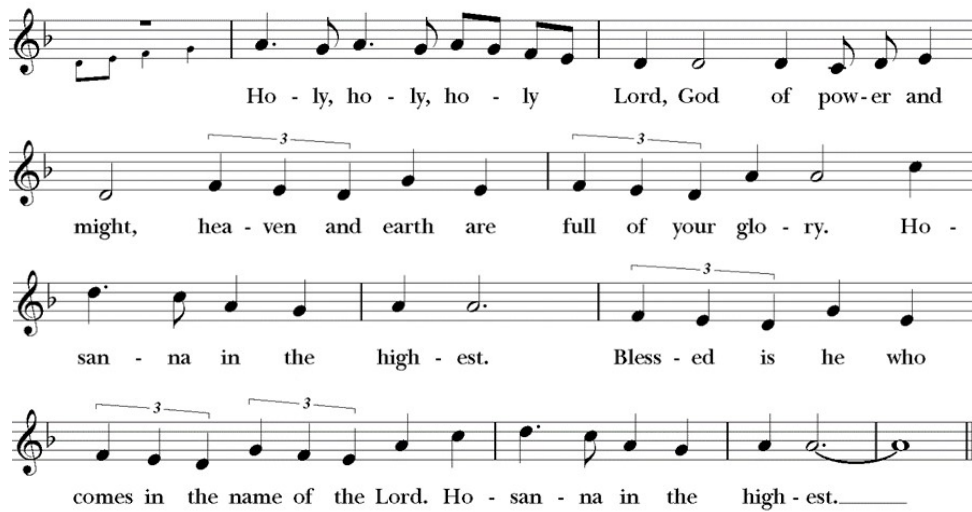
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you mad us in your image, and called us to the 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:

Sanctus Hymn S129 *Holy, holy, holy* (R. Powell)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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:

Memorial Acclamation Hymn S135 (J. Hill)



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Music: Jackson Hill (b. 1941). Copyright © 1974 Jackson Hill.

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 Celebrant then continues
And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
We are bold to say

Officiant and People

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

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

Fraction Anthem S163 Lamb of God (R. Powell)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Communion Anthem *Blest are they* (D. Haas)

BLEST ARE THEY

The Beatitudes
Matthew 5:3-12 David Haas

Re - jice! _____ and be glad! _____

Bless-ed are you, ho - ly are you, Re -

joice! _____ and be glad! _____ Yours is the

king - dom of God! _____

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Communion Hymn *Nada de turbe* (J. Berthier)

*Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God can never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten
God alone fills us.*

Lay Eucharistic Commission

In the name of this congregation, we 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.

All: *We who are many, are one body because we all share in one bread, one cup.*

The Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

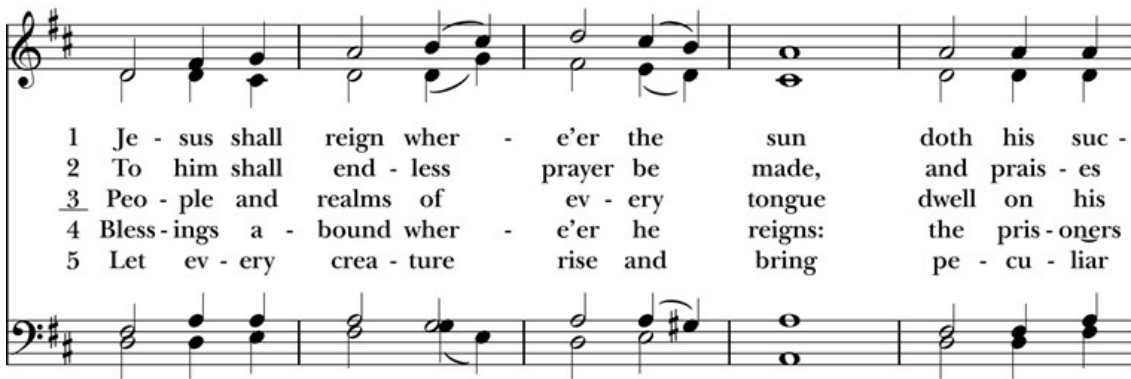
Celebrant and People

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.

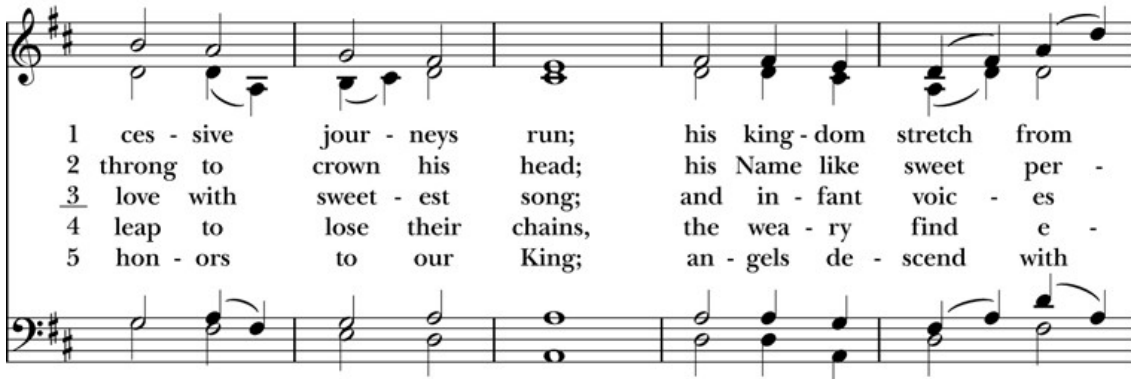
The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and, the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you always. Amen.

Processional Hymn 544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* (Duke Street)



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with



1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Toccata* (Margaret Sandresky)

EPISCO PARTY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
6:00 PM

HOSTED BY RICHARD NORRIS

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INFORMTION AND DIRECTIONS

Parish Sing-A-Long

*Lift Up
Your Voice*



Sunday, March 2

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Joshua Commons

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:30 AM BREAKFAST (ASCENSION HALL)
9:15 AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES
10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II) (LIVESTREAM)
5:00 PM EYC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 JANANI LUWUM, ARCHBISHOP AND MARTYR, 1977

OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY
8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (FACEBOOK LIVE)
5:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (LIBRARY)
7:00 PM CULTIVATING COMPASSION (LIBRARY)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 MARTIN LUTHER, PASTOR & REFORMER, 1546

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (FACEBOOK LIVE)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AGNES TSAO KOU YING, AGATHA LIN ZHAO, & LUCY YI ZHENMEI, CATECHISTS & MARTYRS, 1856, 1858, & 1862

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (FACEBOOK LIVE)
4:30 PM OPEN REUNION GROUP (LIBRARY)
5:15 PM DINNER (ASCENSION HALL)
6:00 PM **WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE**
CHILDREN'S CHOIR (3RD FLOOR CHOIR LOFT)
NEW BEGINNINGS TUTORING PROGRAM
THE WORD- ENNEAGRAM (SMALL DINING ROOM)
6:45 PM COMPLINE (CHOIR LOFT)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FREDERICK DOUGLASS, SOCIAL REFORMER, 1895

7:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST—EXODUS: MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE
8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER (FACEBOOK LIVE)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

8:00AM MORNING PRAYER (FACEBOOK LIVE)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 MARGARET OF CORTONA, MONASTIC, 1297

8:30 AM FOOD BOX MINISTRY (JOSHUA COMMONS PARKING LOT)

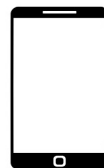


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**SUNDAY TOWER
FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**CLERGY FORUM AND BOL SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUNDAYS AT 9:15AM IN THE UPPER ROOM
JANUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 23**

Adult formation will combine this winter to study **Jesus' Rule of Life**. This eight week course will facilitate conversation around understanding Jesus' "Why" and motivation for his ministry and mission as a method of shaping our lives as Christians.

**IN TROUBLE AND IN WONDER
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MONDAYS AT 5PM - LIBRARY
JANUARY 27—APRIL 7**

The wisdom sayings attributed to Jesus in The Gospel of Thomas open us in new ways of seeing the world. In this ten week study, we will explore various sayings and what they might mean for us today. Contact Candice+ for more info.

**EXODUS: MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Thursdays at 7:15am—Ascension Hall
January 9 – February 27**

Order and disorder, life and chaos, are the means through which God moves his people and liberates them for his purposes. In the book of Exodus, Moses discovers his call in the ordering of God's chosen people and the power of God's purposes over those desired by man. Join us each week to nurture the body, mind, and spirit through breakfast, study, and community.

**THE WORD: ENNEAGRAM
WEDNESDAYS – SMALL DINING ROOM
5:45pm – 6:45pm**

The Enneagram is an ancient understanding of our gifts as children of God. The nine personality types of the Enneagram help us to "wake up" to our true selves and embrace who God has called us to be. Each week we discuss a different personality type.

COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

During the ministration of Communion, the congregation is invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. It is acceptable to receive in one kind only or simply to have a blessing instead of the sacrament by crossing your arms over your chest.

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