THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



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

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, March 2, 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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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II ~ 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM

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THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant:Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy SpiritPeople: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*.

Hymn of Praise 618 (v4) Ye watchers and ye holy ones: verse 4 (Lasst uns erfreuen)



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only -begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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: EXODUS 34:29-35

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



1 The Lord is King; let the / peo - ple / tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; / let the / **earth** / shake.

2 The Lord is / great in / Zion; * he is / high a - / bove all / peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is / great and / awesome; * --- / he is • the / Ho- ly / One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have es- / tab - lished / equity; * you have executed justice and / right – eous - / ness in / Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down be- / fore his / footstool; * --- / he is • the / Ho - ly / One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call up- / on his / Name, * they called upon the / Lord, and • he / an - swered / them. 7 He spoke to them out of the / pillar • of / cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the de-/ cree that • he / gave / them.

8 O Lord our God, you / answered them • in - / deed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet / punished them for • their / e -vil / deeds.

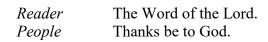
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his / ho - ly / hill; * for the Lord our / God is • the / Ho - ly / One.

THE EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

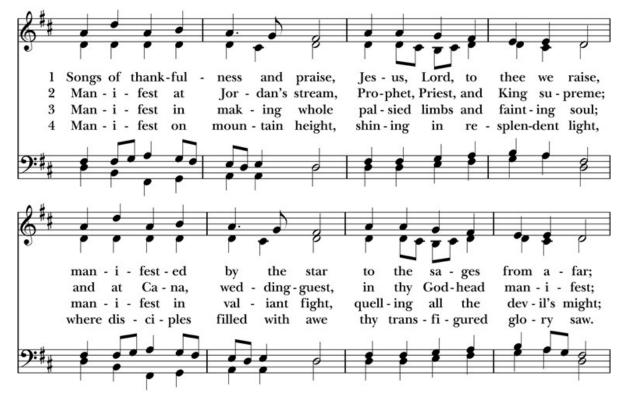
A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.



Sequence Hymn 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise (Saltzburg)





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THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

Celebrant:The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.People:Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

Celebrant:The Gospel of the Lord.People:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 <u>Donald</u>, <u>our President</u>; <u>Kay</u>, <u>our Governor</u>; <u>Steven</u>, <u>our Mayor</u>; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world</u>; *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 : Jerry, 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 <u>Judge John C.</u> <u>Godbold, Elsie & Edwin Godbold, Pat and B.D. Godbold, Condie Godbold, Florence & Benjamin Showalter,</u> <u>Jean Showalter and Gilbert Milligan, Sally Milligan Hubbard, Maude J. Slaught</u>. 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. <u>We pray for the safety of our armed forces both here and abroad</u>; 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

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Offertory Anthem Dazzling as the sun (G. Walker) (Luke 9:28-36)

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*

	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

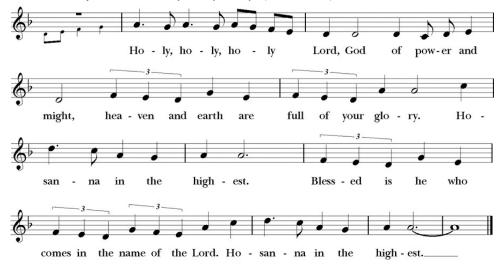
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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)



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)



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

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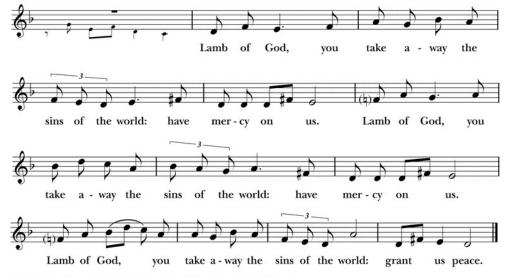
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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)



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Communion Anthem Alleluia, song of gladness (Plainsong, Mode 2)

Alleluia, song of gladness, voice of joy that cannot die; alleluia is the anthem ever raised by choirs on high; in the house of God abiding thus they sing eternally. Alleluia thou resoundest, true Jerusalem and free; alleluia, joyful mother, all thy children sing with thee; but by Babylon's sad waters mourning exiles now are we. Alleluia though we cherish and would chant for evermore alleluia in our singing, let us for a while give o'er, as our Savior in his fasting pleasures of the world forbore. Therefore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, blessed Trinity, at the last to keep thine Easter with thy faithful saints on high; there to thee for ever singing alleluia joyfully.



Communion Hymn Hymnal 1982 137

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848-1866), alt. Music: *Wareham*, melody William Knapp (1698-1768); alt.; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, after James Turle (1802-1882); desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947). Descant by permission of the Royal School of Church Music.

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

The priest blesses the people, saying

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 460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol)





Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

Dismissal

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

Voluntary *Triptych for Transfiguration* (Richard Webster)

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY, MARCH 2 THE LAST 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)
4:00 рм	PARISH SING-A-LONG (JOSHUA COMMONS)

MONDAY, MARCH 3 JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY, PRIESTS, 1791, 1788

8:00 amMorning Prayer (Facebook Live)5:00 pmWomen's Bible Study (Library)

TUESDAY, MARCH 4 SHROVE TUESDAY

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)
5:00 рм	PANCAKE SUPPER IN ASCENSION HALL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 ам	Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
12:05 рм	Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
6:00 рм	Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 ам	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Exodus: Movement of People
8:00 am	Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)

FRIDAY, MARCH 7 PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS, 202

8:00am Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

9:00 AM BEANS & RICE (JOSHUA COMMONS PARKING LOT)





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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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