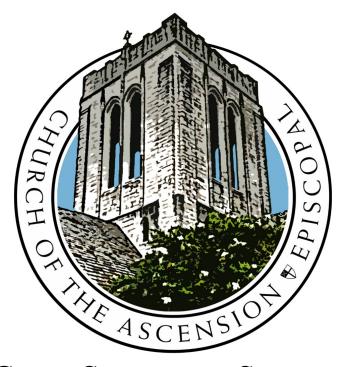
The Episcopal Church of the Ascension



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama The Rt. Rev. Brian Prior, Assisting Bishop The Rev. Candice B. Frazer, Rector The Rev. Andrew S. Brislin, Associate Rector

MINISTERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY

ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER:

Rebecca Taylor

LECTOR: Gil Steindorff

LEMs: Rachel Wisham, Brittany Wade,

Robert Prescott

VERGER: Susan Copeland **ACOLYTES:** TEAM MARK:

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Kayla Bledsoe

AV CREW: Clark Waggoner, Camera

Russell Bush, Sound ALTAR GUILD:

Susan Copeland, Lisa Franklin

FLOWER GUILD: Cara Coreale

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE TWO 11:00 AM

Voluntary Christ lag in Todesbanden (J. S. Bach) Introit Now the green blade riseth (Medieval French Carol) Hymn 203 O sons and daughters, let us sing (O filii et filiae) Antiphon (at the beginning) Al le lu al le - ia! lu Al le lu ia, al le lu ia! O sons and daugh-ters, let sing! The King of heaven, us That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith ful men wo an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a midst them came their On this most ho - ly of days, God your hearts and day to glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri um - phing. where lay. went their way to seek the tomb Je the three, "Your lee." Lord doth go to Gal Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here." voic raise, laud and ju bi lee and praise. al lu ia! ia! Al lu al ia! le ia, lu Al al ia! le lu ia, le lu Al ia! [Ant.] lu al le Antiphon (at the end) Al le lu - ia, al le lu ia! ia! le al le lu lu ia,

Words: Jean Tisserand (15th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: O filii et filiae, melody from Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noëls, 1623; harm. Hymnal 1982. Harmonization Copyright © by The Church Pension Fund.

Officiant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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*.

A Song of Praise Benedictus es, Domine **S236** (J. Rutter)





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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 5:27-32

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM 150 Laudate Dominum



1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his / ho - ly / temple; * praise him in the / firma- • ment / of his / power.

2 Praise him for his / might - y / acts; * praise / him for • his / excel - lent / greatness.

3 Praise him with the / blast of • the / ram's-horn; * praise / him with / lyre and / harp.

4 Praise him with / timbrel • and / dance; * praise / him with / strings and / pipe.

5 Praise him with re-/sound - ing/cymbals; *
praise / him with / loud-clang - • ing / cymbals.
6 Let everything / that has / breath *
praise the Lord. / Hal - le - / lu - / jah!

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from the revelation of John.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Sequence Hymn 209 We walk by faith and not by sight (St. Botolph)



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HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 for the next Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda and Brian our bishops; and Candice and Drew; 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;

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: <u>Jerry Baxley, Mark Silberman, Nancy Morgan, Paul Davis, George Thomas, Ann Lewis, Mimi Gallagher, Debbie Mathis, Janet Hutto, Lila Dryer, Andi Silberman, Bob Lewis, Brittney Calhoun, Violet Monson, Jean Lewis, Ann Thorington, Sue & Bill Hicks, Betty Godbold, Sophie Xides, Edith Crook, Hugh Alsabrook, Marion Allison, Ginny White, Anne Waldo, Bruce Salmon. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress*.</u>

We pray for those who have died especially for those in whose memory the altar flowers are given Paul Whiting Copeland, Anne Harrell Copeland Fitzpatrick, Albert Whiting Copeland, C. T. Fitzpatrick. 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 give thanks for Ascension Day School. .

We pray to you almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, inspire your people by your creative vision in the growing of your church, that we may partner with you and one another to share in The Way, The Truth, and The Life.

Silence—the priest will offer a concluding collect.

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. *Amen*.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Giving is available on-line by going to our website and click on the "Give" link, or text the word "GIVE" to (833)901-2138 and follow as prompted. Or on Venmo: @ChurchoftheAscension-Montgomery,Alabama

Offertory Sentence

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. *I Chronicles* 29:11

Offertory Anthem Little Lamb (G. Smith) The Ascension Choristers

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, By the streams o'er the mead; Gave the clothing of delight, softest clothing, wooly, bright! Gave thee such a tender voice, you make the vales rejoice, All rejoice, rejoice. Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, He is called by my name, For He calls Himself a Lamb, He is meek and mild, He became a child, I a child, thou a lamb. We are called by His name,, Little Lamb, God bless thee. William Blake

The Presentation The Doxology Lasst uns erfreuen

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

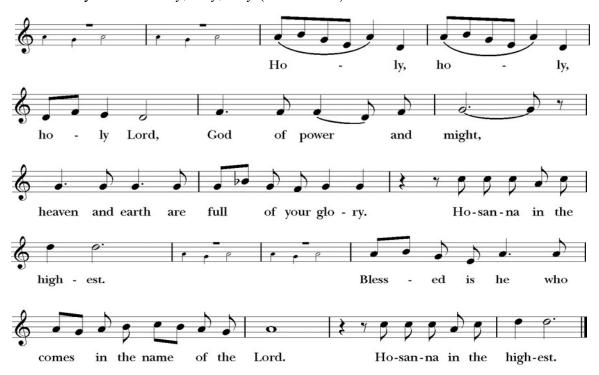
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 S128 Holy, holy, holy (W. Mathias)



The people kneel or stand.

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.

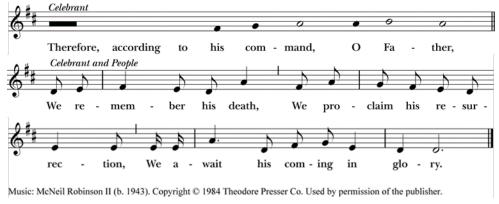
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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



The Celebrant continues

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 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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,

The Breaking of the Bread

for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei Hymn S165 Jesus, Lamb of God (W. Mathais)

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Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymns during Communion: 328 Draw nigh and take (Song 46)



- 6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
- 7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Words: Bangor Antiphoner, ca. 690; tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: Song 46, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Communion Anthem: Any Dream Will Do (A. L. Webber)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

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

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *Henri-Frederic Amiel*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

Processional Hymn **518** *Christ is made the sure foundation (Westminster Abbey)*



Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Voluntary: *Toccata on "The Lord's my Shepherd"* (B. Harbach)



2024 Cursillo Dates

April 18-21 (Full)
Attending Pilgrims in April:
Jon & Janan Hayden
Nick & Laura Mielke
Babette Barmettler

June 6-9 (Jenny & Brittany Wade on staff)
September 12-15
October 17-20

If you would like to attend, please contact Mandy Monson, Brittany Calhoun, or Drew@coascension.org for more information.

Coming Soon Non-Toxic Charity

Too often our work of mission to the world perpetuates systems of injustice and even oppression in ways that we are unaware and lack true knowledge to understand. We operate from a heart filled with good intentions recognizing our blessings and desiring to share them with others. Yet, our good intentions can be the "kindest way to destroy people." As we begin to dream and create a vision around Joshua House, we are inviting the entire parish into study and discussion about how we become better neighbors to the Garden District and beyond. It is our hope you will read the book *Toxic Charity* and participate in one of three church wide discussion opportunities in the Easter season. Check the eTower and stay tuned for more information on meeting dates and how you can be a part of re-imaging mission at the Church of the Ascension.

Ascension Youth Missions Envelope Fundraiser



How It Works: We have 100 envelopes on a bulletin board numbered 1-100. You pick your favorite number or combination of numbers (birthday, age, combination of family ages, etc...) and donate that amount of money for each envelope you select. If you pick envelope 76 you donate \$76 dollars. If your favorite numbers are 23 and 17 you pick those two envelopes and donate at total of \$40.

When all 100 envelopes are selected and donated the youth will have raised \$5,050 for our summer mission trip to Hinton Rural Life

Center in North Carolina.

As the youth are preparing for their mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center (Hayesville, NC) this summer they are currently also raising money for the cost of that trip. We are introducing this year our "Envelope Fundraiser." As you can see on the graphic you just need to stop by the bulletin board (that the youth will have outside of all worship services, at breakfast on Sunday mornings, and during Wednesday night supper) and pick your favorite number(s) and donate that amount of money to our cause. It really is that simple!

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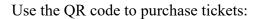
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Sunday, April 21st 4:00pm - 7:00pm







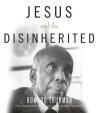


Sign up for Children:



Sign up for Adult volunteers:





Clergy Forum - Easter Season Jesus and the Disinherited Sundays at 9:15 AM - Upper Room April 7 - May 12

God's justice prevails in the world only when we are willing to recognize and name the fear, deception, contempt, and need to love one another beyond that differences of color. Howard Thurman inspired Martin Luther King, Jr. and helped shape the Civil Rights Movement. He was the first black dean of a white seminary and the first to found and co-pastor a diverse congregation. His teaching of the Gospel examines the example of Jesus' life and declares that hatred does not empower—it decays. Thurman's gift to us is a faith that thrives in a world that attempts to destroy one's humanity, especially hose who are marginalized with their backs against the wall.

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